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This certifies that William Moulton appeared and made Oath that the records herein coppied by him, of what has been called the Swamp book: are a true coppy So far as any coppy remains and in no case has the sense or meaning been altered.

B. C. PUTMAN,

Town Clerk

Wenham
Feb. 19th 1861

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At a generall town meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of Wenham legally warned and assembled for the choice of town officers March 4th 1707. Thomas Patch chosen moderator.

Deacon James Friend, Thomas Patch, Lieut. John Porter, Ensign Samuel Kimball and William Fairfield are chosen selectmen for the year ensueing.

John Berry chosen constable for the west end of the town and Thomas Edwards constable for the east end for the year ensueing. William Fairfield chosen Town Clerk for the year ensueing. Capt. Fisk was chosen Town Treasurer for the year ensueing.

For surveyors of Highways John Edwards chosen for the town and Joseph Hacker westward of the Straights for the year ensueing.

For fence viewers Joshua Wallis, Ebenezer Batchelder, and Thomas Kimball are chosen for the year ensueing.

For sealer of wheights and measures Ensign Walter Fairfield chosen.

For tithing men John Batchelder and Nathaniel Waldron are chosen for the year ensueing. For sealer of leather Tobias Trow is Chosen for the year ensueing. Upon motion made by John Coy to the town for to send men to try wether or no he had his right of land which the town granted him formally in his possession or not and if he hath not to make him satisfaction and pursuant to the above request the town made choice of Ensign Fairfield, Josiah Dodge and John Gott to be a committee, fully empowered to measure and make up to him in case he hath not his right in his posession allready whatsoever the town hath formally granted him. William Fairfield Thomas Edwards John Berry Nathaniel Waldron John Batchelder and Ebenezer Batchelder took the oath of office.

March 4th 1707

At a town meeting of the inhabitants and freeholder of Wenham granted to Daniel Machithin 60 poles of common land joining to the land of the late John Dodds now in the posession of his widow and allso bounding upon the brook

coming out of the land formally Thomas Hobbs and so Eastwardly of said brook for the use of the setting up of a tanners yard in the town and to be to him and his so long as they are used for that purpose and if otherwise used so that it is not profitable for the town by the use above said, it shall be still the towns and his grant to be made void. Samuel Kimball Senr decents from the grant abovesaid and Joseph Fowler allso entereth his decent from said grant to Daniel Maclaflin of the land abovesaid

Allso voted that there be a general town meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of Wenham at the meeting house on Wenseday sevenght at twelve o'clock for the finishing of the work left to do this day and any other business that may then come in to be done.

March 12th 1707—

At a legal town meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of Wenham voted and agreed that Left. John Porter and William Fairfield are chosen and empowered as agents for the propritors and freeholders of the town of Wenham and in their name and stead to appear at our next inferior count of common pleas to be holden at Ipswich on the last tuesday of march currant then and there in our said court to answer to Joseph Fowler of said town of Wenham in a cause said Fowler has commenced against said propritors then to be tried and so to prosecute or defend our said case from court to court untill the case be ended promising to stand by confirm and maintain whatsoever our said agents shall Lawfully do or cause to be done.

Voted. that all privileges and commonages divided and allotted to our inhabitants and laying in our town in whose improvements soever shall be assessed to all public payments by a just and equal proportion |at the judgment and discription| of the Selectmen or Assessors.

June 19th 1707—

Whereas we the subscribers having purchased land which was of the common land at Lords hill of the Selectmen the day above said we do acknowledge ourselves severally indebted to the town the sums hereafter mentioned that is to say

James Friend	£3.12.00
John Porter	7.18.00
William Fairfield	14.10.00

James Friend
John Porter
William Fairfield

December 12th 1707—

At a meeting of the Selectmen for the accounting with the Constables and representatives which have been employed in the towns service and then accounted with Constable William Rogers about all the rates committed to him the year 1706 and there is yet remaining due to the town and he allowed for mending the pound £3 8s 8d and then allso accounted with Mr. Thomas Patch for all accounts from the begining of the world to the day of the date hereof. And all accounts are balanced and closed except this years service as a Representative as witness my hand

Thomas Patch

Allso accounted with said Patch for what is due to him for his services this present year to this present day of the date hereoff the sum of £8 14s 00d and there is due to him for the year 1708 for his service on the same acpt. the sum of £10 10s 00d. Then allso accounted with Deacon Fisk for service as a Representative from the begining of his said service unto this day and there due to him on ballance of all accounts the sum of £6 00s 00d.

November 20th 1707—At a meeting of the Selectmen a town rate was made and committed to Thomas Edwards for the paying our ministers due from the town with a warrant to collect the same amounting to £28 05s 06d.

Then allso made a list in Constable John Berrys ward for the end above mentioned which is allso committed to him to collect with a warrant requiring him thereunto amounting to £32 00s 00d with a wood rate of fifteen cords ½

December 4th 1707— At a meeting of the Selectmen a town and county vote was made and is committed to the above said Constables in two distinct lists with warrants anexed to each of them to collect and pay in to the town and county treasurer the respective sums hereafer mentioned the town rate being to pay the Representative £7 12s 00d.

That is to say to Constable Thomas Edwards to the town treasurer £1 10s 00d and to the county treasurer and to Constable John Berry to the county treasurer £2 02s 04d and to town treasurer £8 11s 05d all which rates was above mentioned were forthwith to be collected and the account thereof isued with the treasurer at or before the next |March following the date hereof.|

At a meeting of the Selectmen December 26th 1707—

The treasurer please pay Mr. Patch towards his services as Representative the sum of £2 00s 00d by Order of the Selectmen

William Fairfield town clerk received of Capt. Fisk two pounds the 26th of Dec. 1707 as witness my hand Attest a true entry William Fairfield Town Clerk Thomas Patch.

June 19th 1707— Deacon James Friend Credit by money paid to Samuel Kimball just to content for his highway damage £1 02s 00d and allso paid for the Selectmens expenses £0 01s 00d

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December 26th 1707—Received by money paid by his son John into the town treasurer by order of the propritors in full. £2 09s 00d

Received allso of Lieut. John Porter five pounds twelve shillings and ten pence which Deacon Fisk had in satisfaction by agreement with the said William Fisk at Salem the 27th of June 1707 with the Selectmen for his highway and was discounted out of the price of the land he bought of the town by the committee appointed to adjust the accounts £5 12s 10d and allso received of William Fairfield allowed by the committee for his services as an agent and money expended in said service the sum of £7 8s 4d.

December 23rd 1707 — At a meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham being duty bound to choose a commisioner and some trusted to take and make a list of the polls and rateable estates according to the act of the general Court.

Capt. Thomas Fisk chosen moderator Lieut. John Porter chosen commissioner and for trustees Capt. Thomas Fisk William Fisk Senr and John Gott are chosen for said Service.

At a meeting of the propritors of the Common land in Wenham duly warned December 23rd 1707 — Voted that there shall be a committee chosen to agree with Tobias Trow about his damage by the settling of a highway between him and Lieut. Porter and allso to settle with Samuel Fisk Senr about his damage by the highway being laid out over his land in 1704 and Thomas Patch Senr Thomas Edwards and

Charles Gott Junr are chosen and empowered to settle and agree with the persons above said and Theophelus Rix his satisfaction shall be a bill in proportion to the said Fisks damage & shall be allowed for his satisfaction by which shall be made him, shall be in proportion as other neighbors have had.

It is allso voted that Mr. Daniel Dodge, William Rogers, Benjamin Edwards and William Fisk Senr, Thomas Kimball are chosen a committee fully empowered to account with and allow the said propritors agents which have been employed in their service and with those that owe money for the land they bought at Lords Hill and the balance so made up the overpluss shall be paid into the town treasurer.

Received of Mr. Thomas Edwards Constable of Wenham the sum of thirty shillings upon the account of the County rate this present March 19th 1707 £1 10s 00d. A true entry attest Wm. Fairfield T. clerk (pr. John Appleton county treasurer.

December 26th 1707 — At a meeting of the committee appointed by the propritors the 23rd of this instant to reckon with and make a ballance with their agents about their service which they have been employed about in their conserns and allso that owe money for the land they bought by order of the town of the Selectmen at Lords Hill and there is due to Capt. Fisk for his service in Joseph Fowlers case and Zacheus Perkins his caise at Nebeingport he have purchased no land the sum of £1 11s 08d.

And allso we have accounted with Lieut. John Porter about his service in said Fowlers case and allso for what remains due for the purchase of two acres he bought at Lords Hill and there remains due him on Ballance £2 19s 10d.

December 26th 1707 — and we have likewise accounted with William Fairfield both for his service in the conserns above mentioned and as allso for the four acres he bought at Lords Hill as may appear on record |of the town and there is due from him| on ballance of all accounts to the sum of £7 1s 8d.

And allso there is due to Nathaniel Waldern for his service at Boston as agent for the propritors £0 8s 0d.

Allso accounted with Deacon James Friend for the acre which he purchased and there is remaining due to the town £2 9s 0d.

And allso we have accounted with John Gott and there is due to him for service at Newbury Court £10 15^{s} 08^{d}.

And there is due allso to Joseph Herrick upon the same acpt. £0 15^{s} 0^{d}.

And we the subscribers being a committee appointed for the above |mentioned service| have hereunto set our hands,

Daniel Dodge
Benjamin Edwards } Committee
William Rogers

December 26th 1707—

I have received of William Fairfield according to an order of the propritors the ballance of the account made up by the committee being seven pounds one shilling and eight pence in full I say received by me.

Thomas Fisk town treasurer

£3 16^{s} 4^{d}.

Boston January 29th 1707—

Received of Mr. Thomas White Constable of Wenham by Mr. Samuel Gerrish, three pounds sixteen shillings and four pence in full, Received for Mr. James Taylor Treasurer, the above is a true copy as attest per Jon^{ah} Allen William Fairfield Town Clerk.

Received of Capt. Fisk Town treasurer the fifteen shillings above |due to me to content this| 25th day of January 1708 I say received by me } John Gott
The £2 19^{s} 10^{d} is paid } that is due to
Lieut. |John Porter| by William Rogers town treasurer in 1710 as in his accounts.

March 9th 1708 — Received of Constable John Berry fifteen shillings I say received by me (Joseph Herrick) a true copy of the original recpt |attest William Rogers| Town Clerk.

At a legal town meeting May the 12th 1707 of the inhabitants of Wenham Thomas Patch chosen moderator.

Mr. Thomas Patch chosen Representative to serve the town and represent them at the general Court for the year ensueing. For grand Juror Ensign Fairfield and Deacon Wm Fisk, for jury of trials John Gott, and Joseph Batchelder are chosen to serve at the Superior Court next.

Voted that the Selectmen shall take care that all those

persons that have not yet received satisfaction for damage in the highway being laid out over their land at the west end of the town shall be speedily satisfied in land or money. In case they shall refuse land and that land shall be sold that remains at Lords hill (to those who will give the most for it) by them where the rest received satisfaction.

May 27th 1707 — At a meeting of the freeholders and inhabitants of Wenham

Voted: that Deacon Friend Benjamin Edwards and William Rogers are chosen and empowered as a committee to account with and allow to our agents employ'd by us against Joseph Fowler at the law; what they shall so judge and allso to account with the town agents with Zacheus Perkins his case and both so made up to be presented to the Town at their next meeting.

Voted— that there shall be a meeting of the propritors and inhabitants of our town on Tuesday the 3rd day of June next ensueing at 4 o'clock in the afternoon to consider of and finish up what we left to finish this day.

May 27th 1707 — At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of Wenham duely warned Ensign Fairfield chosen moderator.

Voted —that whereas we have divided our common land in our town and Sunday controversys are arising and are likely to arise to the great prejudice of our town we will make our application to the general Court for relief in our dificulty.

Voted that the cause between Joseph Fowler and propritors which went against us by default at the Superior court at Ipswich shall be a part of the addrefs. Allso in case of our divisions we should have ommitted the setting out of a share to every propritor that may be found to be the proper owner, we may agree and raise money equally upon every freeholder by equal proportions as they have received in the said division and allso for money to defray our necessary charges.

June 3rd 1707 — Att a meeting of the propritors and freeholders of Wenham. being Orderly convened then made choice of Capt. Thomas Fisk Nathaniel Waldron and William Fairfield they or any one or too of them to prefer the petition at the general Court which the propritors at their meeting May 27th day agreed to make, and then to appear and manage |the same for them.|

Know all men by these presents that whereas we the subscribers Ephraim Kimball and Timothy Patch both of Wenham have each of us a right laying in common in those divisions wherein we are interested

Viz: Ephraim Kimball in the seventh division at the east end of our town and Timothy Patch in the Eighth division in the great swamp being pastures together in common in said divisions we do hereby declare and make an exchange each with the other both for ourselves and our heirs forever: that is to say all the right belonging to said Kimball in the seventh at the east belong to said Patch. and all the right belonging to said Patch in the eighth division in the great Swamp shall belong to said Kimball and we do hereby enable each other in our Respcitive rights entered to use improve or divide with the rest of the partners in the divisions above exchanged as we ourselves might have done and in confirmation of what is above written we have hereunto set our hands this 24th day of December 1706

Ephraim Kimball
Timothy Patch

Attest. William Fairfield town Clerk

Know all men by these presents that whereas the Town in their divisions of Common have suited and allowed us the subscribers hereof to have our share and part of those two divisions of common land allready laid out in our town together in partnership and allowed us to divide and make a record in the town book of every individual share as by record may appear and having received our share of those two parcells of common land allready divided in the eighth division so called at the east end of the town and in the ninth division of the Great Swamp have agreed and divided said division as followeth —

1st to Nathaniel Waldron his share in his own right and in the right of Capt. Fisk which he purchased: set out by mutual consent the easterly part of the eighth division at the east according to the bounds allready recorded untill it cometh (next to John Coys fence) to a stake about * pole below Coys timber dam and so crossing over straight on the said lott to a steep ledge of rocks three foot to the westward of a small hemlock being a range bounds between the seventh and eighth lots, making all in full of his share of both divisions.

Next Zacheus Goldsmith his part in that division five

acres wanting 15 polls by measure bounded on Nathaniel Waldron east and on the seventh lott and Coys side all the land untill said measure be made up and the remainder of that lot according to the bounds thereoff to William Dodge in his own right and for an eighth purchased of said Waldron in which parcel of land the said Dodge hath received full satisfaction of said Nathaniel Waldron for an acre of Swamp which the town laid out to said Dodge at the east end of said division which is now made over to said Waldron and his heirs forever and further we the above mentioned persons each with the other for ourselves and our heirs forever that it shall be lawfull for each or any of them to pass over each others share or part from time to time for the necessary useing of their shares as is above expressed and to mend the way where the place requireth it and in the ninth division in the Swamp, first a share to William Dodge in full four acres and one half next Theophelus Fisks beginning at the said Fisks acre and so along towards Benjamin Fisks land untill the above measure be made up and all the rest of the lot according to the bounds made between the highway and the great meadow and the eighth lot and Deacon Fisks land doeth belong to William Fairfield in part of his proportion and in that parcel of land by pleasant pond and Ipswich line belonging to said propritors and is divided first to Capt. Thomas Fisk Junr a part or share in full of all his rights in both divisions next Ipswich line seven polls wide at the pond and seven pole wide upon the highway and is bounded with a straight line and the remainder of that part of the Swamp division to Zacheus Goldsmith and William Fairfield being to the following bounds it being eight poles in breadth the end next the pond and beloneth to said Fairfield untill it cometh to a tree marked with an F on one side and G on the other standing ten poles northwestward being squared from a small Hemlock on the Hemlock Island marked 3 with a marking Iron.

And the remainder of the land to the highway to Zacheus Goldsmiths to be in full of our proportions of the above said divisions divided and laid out by us the subscribers this 3rd day of January one thousand seven hundred and six & seven and in confirmation of the above written we have hereunto set our hands the day and year above said 1706. Thomas Fisk, Lieut. Nathaniel Waldron, Zacheus Goldsmith, |William Dodge, William Fairfield,| Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk.

Know all men by these presents that whereas the town in their divisions of land allowed and suited us the subscribers in one company of commoners being suited to receive our right in those divisions of common land allready laid out the one at the east end of our town and the other in the great swamp, and gave us power to divide amongst ourselves and make a record in our town book, have agreed and divided our proportion being the fifth division at the East end of the town and the sixth division in the great swamp as followeth, 1st to Mr. Daniel Dodge in the right of his deasesed farther John Perkins Daniel Killiam and William Rogers in that right sett out to the frechold he hath, as Leut. Gotts their part and share of the fifth division at the east on the side next Capt. Wests farm being sixteen poles wide on the highway the same breadth to the creek and the remainder of the breadth on the highway to the sixth division to Thomas Patch in his own right and in the right of Charles Gott Junr.

Thomas Edward and Tobias Trow who allso have twenty three poles in breadth next the sixth division from the red Oake which is the corner bounds thereof against the Creek line to Capt. Wests farms beloneth to the above said Dodge, Kilham, Perkins, and William Rogers above named, and in confirmation of all that is above written or mentioned we who are the sole propritors of the said East division by virtue of purchase and the rest have hereunto set our hands this 23rd of December 1707

Thomas Patch
Daniel Dodge
his
Thomas O Edwards
mark

Dec. 23rd 1707—

At a meeting of the propritors duly warned in answer to Lieut. Charles Gott it was voted that the propritors allow him into that right which they have reserved in the lot in the great swamp and in the lot at the east end of the town he |aquitting them from any further claim.|

Whereas the propritors of the third division of the common land at the East end of our Town did refuse to divide the said division amongst themselves, the committee chosen by the town in such case have at the request of Lieut. John Porter who is three of the propritors of the eighth in that

division in his own right and Mr. Newmans and Samuel Fisks have agreed and divided said lot as followeth.—

The first lot to Lieut. Charles Gott he being received into that division upon consideration he aquit the said propritors of any further claim hath the first lot, being one eighth Raccoon Marsh next Beverly line eleven poles to a yellow oak and ten poles at the highway to a stake.

The second lot to Theofhelus Fisk nine poles at the Westerly line to a red oak and ten poles at the highway and one third over. The third lot to Mr. Gerrish nine poles wide at the Beverly line and ten poles wide at the highway.

The fourth to the right of Robert Cue deceased, upon the road ten poles to a stake. The fifth lot to Thomas White upon Beverly line nine poles to a stake and upon the road ten poles to a stake. The sixth lot to Lieut. John Porter in his own right upon the road ten poles to a stake and Beverly line nine poles to a stake. The seventh lot to said Porter in Mr. Newmans right upon Beverly line nine poles wide to a stake and upon the road ten poles and one-half to a stake.

The eighth lot is to the above Porter or his son Samuel upon the account of Samuel Fisks and laying upon the road ten poles and one half wide to a white Oak Stump which is the corner bounds of the 4th division and upon the Beverly line about Eleven poles wide to a stake and heap of stones adjoining to the 4th division: which division to be by us the subscribers hereof divided into eight rights as above said this 12th day of December 1707.

Thomas Fisk
John Batchelder
William Rogers
A Committee

Whereas the propritors of the fifth division in the great Swamp who are allso propritors of the 3rd at the east could not agree to improve said lot together nor divide it among themselves, we the subscribers being a committee appointed by the town to divide amongst any disagreeing eight, have divided the said fifth division in the Swamp as followeth

This 1st of February 1707 at the request of Lieut. Porter and some others of the propritors of said division and we laid out the first eighth of that part of said division which layeth between the great meadow and the highway, to Lieut. John Porter in his own right at the meadow beginning at a

pine dividing between the 4th and 5th division 3 poles and 6 feet to a pine and at the road from a maple parting between the 4 and 5th division 3 poles and 4 foot and the first eighth on the other side of the road of that division next to the 4th division being two poles and 6 foot wide at each end and the second eighth to said Porter upon Mr. Newmans account next to the meadow 3 poles and six foot and at the highway 3 poles and 4 foot and on the east side of the highway 2 poles and 6 foot wide at each end next his other and the third eighth to said Porter or his son Samuel upon the account of Samuel Fisk laying upon the west side of the highway at the meadow, 3 poles and 6 foot and at the highway 3 polls and 4 feet and on the east side of the highway 2 poles and 6 foot wide at each end west of the other.

The 4th lot to Mr. Gerrish laying 3 poles and 6 foot at the meadow and 3 poles and 4 foot at the highway and on the east side of the highway two poles and 6 foot at each end next said Porters.

The fifth lot to the right of Lieut. Gott deseased being 3 poles and 6 foot wide at the meadow and 3 poles and 4 foot at the highway and on the east side of the highway two poles and 6 foot wide at each end adjoining to Mr. Gerrish.

The sixth lot to Thomas White being 3 poles and 6 foot at the meadow and three poles and 4 foot at the highway and on the east side of the highway two poles and 6 foot wide at each end adjoining to Mr. Gerrish.

The sixth lot to Thomas White being 3 poles and 6 foot at the meadow and three poles and 4 foot at the highway and on the east side of the highway two poles and 6 foot at each end west to said Gotts.

The seventh lot to Theophelus Fisk being 3 poles and 6 foot wide at the meadow and 3 poles and 4 foot wide at the highway and on the east side of the highway it is two poles and 6 foot at the highway and 2 poles and 9 foot next Kimball land.

And the eighth lot to Robert Cue right being 3 poles and 6 foot at the meadow and three poles and 4 foot at the highway and on the east side of the highway two poles 6 foot at the highway and 2 poles and 9 foot at the Kimball land

Thomas Fisk
Joseph Batchelder
John Batchelder
A. Committee

We whose names are under written being partners and propritors in that division of common land in the great swamp called the seventh division and having right and power to divide amongst ourselves and make a record in the town book of our divisions have agreed and divided said division as followeth first on the west side of the highway to William Fisk Junr. two eighths next the sixth division being 6 pole and five foot wide from the great meadow to the highway. — next to Samuel Kemball Junr. one eighth being three poles and two foot and one half wide from the great meadow to the highway. 3rd to Isaac Hull one eighth being 3 poles and two foot and one half wide from the great meadow to the highway. fourthly to John Leach one eighth being 3 poles and two foot and one half wide from the great meadow to the high way.

fifthly to Joseph Hacker one eighth being 3 poles and two feet ½ wide as above said sixthly to Ebeneser Batchelder 3 poles and two foot and ½ wide the whole length as above said, seventhly to John Batchelder three poles and two foot and ½ wide being all the remainder of the lot to the joining of the eighth division all the above said divisions are to be as they are allready stated and bounded by Stakes and trees set and marked.

The other part of said division laying eastward of the highway is divided as followeth. the westward end next the highway about eighty poles towards the pond to a stake set and marked 8 belongeth one half of it to said Samuel Kimball being that side next the second division on that side of the highway the other half to John Leach and Joseph Hacker divided length ways in equal halves and the other part of said lot from the Stake marked 8 down to Kimballs land is divided to John Batchelder and Ebeneser Batchelder in equal halves being parted length ways the northward side belongeth to said John and souhward side to Ebenser and whatsoever belongeth to said division at the Edge of pleasant Pond is parted in halves between John and Ebeneser Batchelder as abovesaid and we the above named have mutually agreed and posted our said lot or division as above mentioned reserving liberty to pass over each others parts or shares for the neecfary improving our said parts now it is divided for ourselves and our heirs forever and in confirmation of all above written we have hereunto set our hands this tenth day of January one thousand seven hundred and six and seven.

Isaac Hull
John Batchelder
Samuel Kimball Junr
his
Joseph O Hacker
mark
Ebeneser Batchelder
William Fisk
John Leach

Attest William Fairfield Clerk

Know all men by these presents that whereas by the town grant there is an acre of Swamp land belonging to me the subscriber and having received of Josiah Dodge one piece or eighth in full satisfaction for the said grant and do by these presents for myself and for my heirs forever absolutely sell and allimore the same unto the said Dodge and his heirs forever and upon his receipt of the same do absolutely aquit release and discharge the town of and from the same and in confirmation of what is above written I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of May 1709

Henry Hagget
V his mark

Attest William Fairfield town clerk

Know all men by these presents that appear as Theofhilus Fisk by the grant of the town is interested in a piece of land at the east end of the town in common with several others which land is called the third division according to the boundaries thereof as by records may more fully appear and William Dodge likewise is entitled by town grant to four acres and a half of swamp land in the great swamp in the ninth division which four acres and a half are bounded northwestwardly by Samuel Fisks acre being six poles wide at that end and northeasterly upon William Fairfields swamp being at the 3rd division untill it cometh on a straight line to a stake set up two poles and ½ from the ash tree which is the bounds of Theophilus Fisks acre where said acre cometh to an angle: and so on from said stake on a straight line to the conor of Benjamin Fisks land at the end of his fence at the first point of upland two poles

and a quarter short of a small pine tree marked standing in the fence and then it boundeth upon the fence southwesterly as it now standeth untill it cometh to Samuel Fisks acre first mentioned. whereof we the above named Theophelus Fisk and William Dodge both of Wenham do hereby make and declare an exchange each with the other for ourselves and our heirs forever of our above said rights that is to say the said Dodge his four acres and ½ acre as it is above bounded shall belong to Theophelus Fisk and his heirs forever And Theophelus Fisks right in the third division above mentioned shall belong to said Dodge and his heirs forever and in confirmation of what is above written we have hereunto set our hands this 13th day of January 1706/7

Theophelus Fisk
William Dodge

Attest. William Fairfield) Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents that whereas Daniel Dodge of Wenham in the county of Essex have by town grant a right in that division of common land in the great swamp called the sixth division in the right of my deceased father and I David Batchelder of the same town and county have by town grant a right in that lot of land at the east called the fourth division our rights as above said being one eighth part of each division do hereby make and declare an exchange each with the other of our above said rights laying in common with the propritors of each division and we the abovesaid Dodge and Batchelder do for ourselves and our heirs forever exchange passover and asign our above said rights each to the other interchangbly enabling hereby each other to use occupy and improve in each others rights with the propritors of each division as above said and to divide when need requireth as we ourselves by the grant of the one empowered to do and in confirmation of all that is above written we the above named have hereunto set our hands this twenty second day of January Anno domino, seventeen hundred and six and seven 1706 / 7

Daniel Dodge
David Batchelder

Attest William Fairfield (Town Clerk

Whereas the Selectmen did lay out, and stake a highway from the County road through the west end of our town to or near the village line in October 1704 and allso since in March 1705 laid out another highway from the aforesaid highway beginning near Theophelus Rix his house to the upper end of his pasture near John Sewards house and so to Beverly line one pole and one half wide both of which highways where they have allways been used yet so said highways have formerly been started by the propritors and now by the Selectmen as aforesaid reserving the fee simple of the land to the propritors only for every man as he shall have occasion to pass through leaving the several proritors to hang convenient cart gates for their security from damage and that there shall be no other encumbrance upon said ways than by good and sufficient gates and for satisfaction to the several propritors by using their land as aforesaid and for making and maintaining gates from time to time the Selectmen have laid them out common land to their satisfaction and as to the gates agreed for.

To Goodman Leach three gates one between Goodman Hacker and himself and the other between John Gott and himself and the third between his tillage and his pasture.

And to John Gott one gate in the division between said Gott and William Fairfield and to William Fairfield two gates one between the land formally Thomas Kilhams and said Fairfield the other near his barn in the division between himself and Samuel Fisk.

And to Theophelus Rix three gates one between his own land and Samuel Fisks the second between Deacon Fisk and himself in the lane near John Sewards.

And allso to Deacon Friend three gates the one between his own land and Ephraim Kimball in the division and one other between his own land and the Moultons and one gate allowed him to divide his own land. And in confirmation of what is above written the Selectmen on the one party and the propritors for themselves and their heirs have hereunto set their hands

Thomas Fisk
John Porter
Benjamin Edwards
James Friend
his
Samuel Γ Kimball
mark
Selectmen

his
Samuel Γ Kimball
mark
John Batchelder
Thomas Kimball
John Leach
his
John ℱ Berry
mark
John Gott
John Porter
Ephraim Kimball
William Fairfield
James Friend
Caleb Kimball
Theophelus Rix
his
Jonathan ≺ Moulton
mark

Know all men whom it may concern that whereas the selectmen as above expressed laid out a highway over part of my land and agreed to pay the damage to me in land, I hereby acknowledge I have received of William Fairfield four pounds five shillings and eight pence in full satisfaction in behalf of the town and do therefore order to said Fairfield whatsoever |may accrue to me or mine| dated December 17th 1706 Joseph Batchelder

At a meeting of the Selectmen January 14th 1706/7 agreed and ordered that the town clerk enter the same in the town book.

the abovesaid is |a true entry of the original agreement|
Attest William Fairfield
Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents, that whereas the town in their division of the common land have suited and allowed us the subscribers hereoff to have our shares of common land together in partnership and empowered us to divide and settle each persons share by a record in the Town Book as by town grant bearing date March 5th 1705 may fully appear and having received our parts of these

two divisions of the common allready divided in our town in the seventh division at the east end of the town and in the eighth division in the great swamp have agreed and divided the seventh division at the east as followeth viz: 1st to Timothy Patch two eights one in his own right and one in Ephraim Kemballs next the eighth division being eight poles and ten foot wide upon the highway and ten polls wide on the creek line next to David Maxeys one eighth being four polls and five foot wide upon the highway and five poles upon the Creek line, next to Theophelus Rix's. one eighth four poles and five foot wide upon the highway and five poles wide upon the creek line. next to Samuel Kilham one eighth being four poles and five foot upon the highway and five poles wide upon the creek line.

Next to Caleb Kimball one eighth four poles and five foot wide upon the highway and five pole wide upon the creek line joining to the sixth division which divisions are divided and set out by mutual consent of all the above named reserving free liberty of passing and carting or sleding over each others parts from time to time forever for ourselves and heirs and in confirmation of all above written we have hereunto set our hands this fourth day of June 1707 March 24th 1707/8

Timothy Patch
David Maxey
Theophelus Rix
Joshua Wallis
Joseph Batchelder

Attest William Fairfield
Town Clerk

We have allso divided the great swamp division being the eighth lot in the swamp the part on the west side (of the highway the first lot being next to William Fairfield being four poles wide at each end is to Theophelus Rix. the second being four poles wide at each end is to Joseph Batchelder, the third being three poles and three quarters wide at each end is to David Maxey. The fourth lot being three poles and three quarters wide at each end is to Samuel Kilham. the sixth lot being three poles and three quarters at each end is to Caleb Kimball

The seventh lot being six poles and three quarters at the highway and seven poles and one half at the meadow be-

longeth to Ephraim Kimball in his own right and Timothy Patches being all staked out at each end according to the above mentioned. and that part on the east side of highway being the second lot we divided it across the midst from Samuel Kimballs corner stake and the first lot of the east part near William Fairfields by the pond being 4 poles wide at each end is to Samuel Kilham. the third lot being the same breadth is to David Maxey. the fourth lot being the same breadth at each end is to Joshua Wallis and the first on the west end of it next the highway on the north side is to Caleb Kimball and the next to him Theophelus Rix. the next two lots are to Ephraim Kimball in his right and Timothy Patches which four lots are all four poles wide at each end and in confirmation of all above written we have hereunto set our hands the day and year above

Joshua Wallis
his
Samuel Γ Kilham
mark
Caleb Kimball
Ephraim Kimball
Theophelus Rix

At a meeting of the Selectmen May 19th 1707 to settle bounds and stake out a highway which the committee for dividing of our land left between John Coys land and the second division from Turnup Bridge all along so far as Coys land joins upon the highway which we began to do at Turnup Bridge the first bounds is the great white Oak on the side of the bridge on Coys side of the highway and so straight to the stump in Coys fence and so rounding as the fence now stands about three or four foot within said fence where said Coys fence did stand upon the path untill it cometh to a great white Oak stump in the highway at which place the highway is laid out one pole and three foot to Coys land and so along towards his barn where the fence of Coys six acres stood by the path from where we measured our three poles which ended three foot short of a small Red Oak marked in the Rice Knowltons fence and so on untill it cometh to a division between said Knowltons land and Benjamin Edwards to a stake set for said Knowlton to fence to one pole nearer Coys house than the stump by the hogpen which is his bounds as above said and from thence northward to the turn of the highway taking Coys

fence as it now standeth untill the highway leaveth Coys land which highway is laid out three poles wide from the bounds above expressed both against Rice Knowltons and Benjamin Edwards his land.

James Friend
John Porter
William Fairfield } Selectmen

To all Christian people to whom this present deed of sale shall come, Thomas Patch John Porter and William Fairfield present selectmen sendeth greeting. Know ye that we the above named selectmen of the town of Wenham and County of Essex and province of the Massachusetts bay in Newengland according to an order of our town bearing date May 12th 1707 have for and in consideration of the sum of three pounds and twelve shillings in hand paid and surved to be paid before the sixteenth hereof by James Friend of said town and County yoeman the receipt whereof and every part thereoff we do acknowledge to have had and received and therewith fully satisfied contented and paid in consideration we the above named as selectmen given, granted, bargained and sold and firmly and absolutely conveyed unto the above said James Friend and his heirs forever a cetain parcel of upland containing one acre of the towns common land sittuated and laying in the township aforesaid on the north side of Lords hill so called and bounding northerly with the land the said Friend hath received of the town for highways over his land and westerly upon Theophelus Rix his land Southerly upon Jonathan Moulton acre and one half and Easterly upon the land of Robert Cue deceased which said acre of land be the same more or less to him the said James Friend or his heirs to have and to hold forever and further we the named as selectmen in behalf and for the town do couvnent that it shall and may be lawfull for the above said James Friend his heirs and executors administrators or asigns, forever quietly and peacably to improve and occupy possess and enjoy the same with out lawfull let hindrance or denial by said town or any person laying lawfull claim thereunto, from by or under the said town and in confirmation of all that is above written we have hereunto |set our hands this 19th day of June 1707|

Thomas Patch
John Porter
William Fairfield } Selectmen

Know all men by these presents that whereas the Selectmen in laying the highway at the west end of the town in October 1704 laid it out over a part of my land formally Samuel Moultons and for my damage thereby the Selectmen hath paid me twenty two shillings in full satisfaction dated June 19th 1707

Samuel Kemball Junr.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham June 19th 1707 — pursuant to an order of the town bearing date May 12th last past, we having notified all those persons to whom the town is indebted by laying a highway across their land at the west end of our town to attend a meeting we had appointed for their agreeing about their damage and receiving of land as the rest of the neighborhood hath done and they refusing to receive any land by agreement with us for their damage we have according to the above said order of the town laid out and sold the following parcells of land being all the Common land remaining at Lords hill for money to satisfy for the highways according to the towns order as above mentioned and at a public meeting notified on purpose to settle said parcells of land on sale and Left. John Porter offering three pounds nineteen shilling per acre for two acres which was more than any other person would give, it is laid out and sold to him for the money above said according to the grant of the town, which is bounded Northerly upon his own land and Easterly upon John Batchelder land he had of the town for satisfaction for his highway and Southerly upon land laid out to Charles Gott Junr. and Westerly upon Joseph Hooker partly upon a line from the corner of said Porters stone wall to a stake in Hookers line three poles below said Hookers corner bounds.

And then William Rogers offering three pounds thirteen shillings per acre for four acres wanting five pole but he appearing this 19th day of June of the year above said and declining to proceed in purchasing the same the above said four acres is sold and granted by order of the town as above said to William Fairfield for three pounds thirteen shillings per acre which four acres are situated and laying and being north of Lords hill Common so called bounded Northwesterly upon the said Fairfields own land given him by the town for highway satisfaction and Northeasterly upon Left. John Porters land and Southeasterly up-

on Joseph Hookers land and Southeasterly upon Joseph Herricks three poles wide allowed him without the line of his own land. Which land is sold by order of the town as above said for money to satisfy those persons that refused to agree to receive the land in satisfaction.

The day and year above said.

To William Fairfield
To Left. John Porter

Thomas Patch. James Friend
John Porter
Selectmen

Thomas Patch. James Friend
William Fairfield
Selectmen

June the 20th 1707 Received of James Friend John Porter & William Fairfield the present Selectmen of Wenham and in the towns behalf three pound twelve shillings and ten pence in full satisfaction from the town for all the highway which the Selectmen laid out over my land or what my son Benjamin hath upon said way over the land formally Mr. Newmans — and allso for that piece between Theophelus Rix his gate and Moultons gate by Sewarts house which money I have received in full. I say received by me.

A true entry Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

William
Fiske

At a meeting of the Committee chosen and appointed by the town to divide between any disagreeing eight and to set ont to any that should be agreed by the improvment of their partnership (they refusing to divide amongst themselves) and at the request of Samuel Kimball Senr and some other of the partners in the ninth division of Common land at the east end of the town and we have divided the said lot into eight equal parts as near as can be and the first eighth in the division belongeth to John Edwards the first part of it layeth upon the plain by the Ipswich line adjoining to some Acre lotts formerly laid out which border upon the southeast side of the pond and so turning northwardly about sixteen poles to a beach marked. then turning Eastwardly to a little Hemlock with stones about

it. the next lot to Josiah * * * * begining at the forementioned beach at the west end seven poles and one half to a white oak and turning east to a white oak Stump and then turning Southerly to the little Hemlock before mentioned. the 3 rd lot to nathaniel Brown in the right of Thomas Kimball seven poles and a half wide at the pond to a white oak. and at the east end seven poles wide to a black oak. Next to Daniel Claflin in the right of John Sewart seven pole and one half to a white oak at the pond and seven poles at the east end to a black oak. the next to ensign Samuel Kimball seven poles and one half to a white oak at the pond and at the east end seven poles to a black oak. The sixth lot to Deacon James Friend seven poles and one half to a black oak at the pond and at the east end Seven poles to a white oak. And in the other division called Snake hill the first lot joineth upon the road and boundeth upon Rise Knowltons bounds to Ipswich line and is nine poles wide upon said line to a black oak marked and by the road six poles to a hemlock bush which lot hath a small peice more belonging to it upon the road sixteen poles wide upon the road from a black oak Stump and beareth the same breadth to the pond. the next to John Edwards ten poles wide upon the Ipswich line to a stake and heap of stones and six poles wide at the highway to a little Black oak. which hath a small peice belonging to it being 11 poles wide at the highway to a little walnut and so the same bredth to the pond. the 3rd lot to Nathaniel Brown ten poles wide at Ipswich line to a black oak and at the highway 6 poles to a little pine. which hath a peice belonging to it being twelve poles wide at the highway to a black oak and bearing the same breadth to the pond. the fourth lot to Deacon Friend being ten poles wide upon the Ipswich line to a black oak and six poles wide upon the highway to a little pine, the peice which belongeth to this lot is ten poles wide — at the highway to a stake and heap of stones and the same to the pond. The fifth lot to Daniel Claflin ten poles wide upon the Ipswich line to a black oak and six poles wide at the highway to a pine the peice belonging to it is ten poles wide upon the highway to a stake and heap of stones and so the same breadth to the pond. the sixth to Ensign Kimball ten poles wide on Ipswich line and six upon the highway to a pine the peice belonging with it is ten poles wide upon the highway to a stake and heap of stones and so the width to the pond.

Divided and settled by us the Subscribers this 19th day

of |January 1707/8
Thomas Fisk John Batchelder John Gott Committee

March 2nd 1707/8 — At a legal meeting of inhabitants and propritors of Wenham Deacon Fisk chosen moderator, Capt. Fisk, Benjamin Edwards, Deacon Fisk. Lieut. John Porter, John Gott, Chosen Selectmen for the year ensueing. Timothy Patch chosen Constable for the west end of the town and Benjamin Fisk chosen Constable for the east end of the town. William Fairfield chosen Town Clerk for the year ensueing. Capt. Fisk chosen to continue in the offce of Town Treasurer for the year ensueing. For surveyors of highways William Dodge for the town and Calb Kimball westward of the straights. For surveyors of fence Joshua Wallis, William Rogers, and William Fairfield. For tithing men Thomas White, Theophelus Rix and Joseph Batchelder are chosen. For sealer of weights and measures ensign Fairfield is chosen for the year ensueing. Granted to Richard Thissell of Beverly a small strip of land adjoining to his meadow at longham so much as is necessary for the setting his fence upon dry land and stones to renew his wall which for quanity and price is left to Sargent Thomas Patch, Ensign Samuel Kimball and Benjamin Edwards as a committee to settle the bounds of his marsh and for what price they agree for which said money shall be brought into the town treasury and the bounds and quanitys entered in the twon book.

They then made choice of Capt. Thomas Fisk and William Fairfield to put in and manage and address at the Salem General Town meeting or to the Selectmen of Salem if the town will consern themselves with it for the setting of bounds between the Village and Wenham according to the agreement of the towns of Wenham and Salem bearing date.

Voted that whereas Timothy Patch was chosen Constable in our town for this year and in case he obtain Thomas White to be timely sworn to said office in his place he is accepted by the town.

Voted allso that there shall be a meeting of the town and propritors on tuesday the 16th day of this instant at 12 of the clock to consider of and do what there was not time to finish this day.

March 2nd 1707/8 — William Fairfield, Benjamin Fisk, Theophelus Rix, Caleb Kimball, William Dodge and Wil-

liam Rogers all took the oath of their respective offices then |Thomas White| was allso sworn to the office of a Constable.

March 16th 1707/8 — According to town grant the second of this instant we have laid out to Richard Thissell at his meadow next Longham bridge, we settled his line from his fence by said bridge straight to a stump about 20 poles in length which stump we set stones about which is close to the wall as it now stands and then taking the wall for the line untill it cometh to a red oak and from said tree we set the line straight to a stake and heap of stones about forty poles in length and about two poles from the eastward corner of his meadow which lines contain about 90 poles of land as for which we received forty shillings which is paid in to the town treasurer Thomas Patch

his
Samuel Γ Kimball, Benjamin Edwards
mark

Committee

At a meeting of the inhabitants and propritors of Wenham assembled this 16th day of March 1707/8 according to our vote the 2nd of this month |Instant| Voted that the propritors and freeholders will carry on and maintain their cause which the General Court hath, Shall be tried at the next Superior Court holden at Ipswich Joseph Fowler being the defendent and to the end. Make choice of Capt. Thomas Fisk John Gott and Joseph Herrick as agents for the propritors and in their name to appear at said court (they or any one of them.) are fully empowered by us the propritors in our name and stead to appear and manage or defend our cause as fully and amply in all respects as we might do if we were present personally and we will maintain allow and ratify whatsoever our said agents or agent shall lawfully do or cause to be done in and about said cause.

Voted. That John Killiam shall have his acre (due to him upon the account of the towns grant) adjoining to his own land and allso one acre more of Swamp adjoining to that on consideration he make no further claim of commonace in our town.

Allso granted to Thomas Kimball Junr. and Richard

Kimball Junr. to each of them four acres apiece of the undivided common land which remaineth in our town on condition that their fathers shall make no further claim of right of commonage of us other than their single share which they are allready admitted to.

Allso granted to |benony| Maxey four Acres on the consideration their be no further claim of right of commonage claim unto, for the living which was his fathers.

Allso Voted that the selectmen or any three of them are a committee fully empowered to lay out all the above granted parcells of land. Allso Voted in the cause that Joseph Fisk hath commenced to be heard and tried at the next inferior Court to be holden at Ipwich against the propritors. they make choice of Capt. Thomas Fisk — John Gott and Joseph Herrick as agents for the propritors and in their name to appear at said Court (they or any one of them) are fully empowered by us the propritors in our name and stead to appear and manage or defend our said cause as fully and amply in all respects as we might do if we were personally present and we will maintain allow and ratify whatsoever our said agents or agent shall lawfully do or cause to be done in and about our said cause.

It is allso voted that our agents in Joseph Fowlers cause and Joseph Fisks cause are allowed to employ an attorney if they so need.

Voted, that there shall be a propritors meeting again on Monday the 22nd |of this Instant at three o'clock in the afternoon.|

At a meeting of the propritors and freeholders of Wenham according to the vote of the said propritors the 16th of this Instant being now assembled this 22nd of March 1707/8 Voted that whereas there is necessity of altering some seats in our meeting house for the Women kind to make more room and to mend the house where broken and the selectmen are chosen and empowered to see the said forthwith completed.

Allso Voted that whereas there are sundry persons that lay a claim to a right of commonage amongst us and controversaries and contentions ariseing amongst us for the preventing and ending of which it is voted that Capt. Thomas Fisk, John Gott and William Fairfield are nominated and Chosen as a committee fully empowered to join with such as claim a further share of our division of common land to nominate and meet persons as arbitrators to hear and determine all such controversy which have been

or shall come in timly to make a final end and issue of all such claims and controversys and we will stand to confirm, fullfill whatsoever such arbitrators so chosen by our said committee or the major part of them and ordain and constitute shall award and determine.

Allso Voted that Capt. Fisk hath liberty to build a seat for his family between the seat his father had granted his family and the seat before it, he resigning up to the towns disposal his interest in that granted to his fathers family.

Allso Voted that whereas Daniel Claflin had a grant of 60 poles of Common land joining the brook it is further granted that he shall have liberty to stop the brook not damageing the highway and in case he has been at cost, to set up according to his former grant and shall not be able to perform the service upon which it was granted he or his shall have 60 poles |for what it worth in money.|

At a meeting of the Selectmen March the 17th 1707 it is agreed whereas the Selectmen have agreed with Jonathan Moulton for his damage about the highways goeing over his land to give him an Acre and one half of land which agreement includes one half of the gate between Moultons land and Deacon Fisks by Sewarts house and his brother John refuseing to agree about it the said is agreed with to do the whole gate according to the terms the Selectmen agreed with the rest of the propritors of the highway and the town to be indebted to him thirty shillings.

Thomas Fisk
Benjamin Edwards } on the one party
John Gott

Selectmen

And one of the other party Jonathan his > mark Moulton

Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen June 19th 1707 then laid out to Jonathan Moulton (by agreement with him for his damage done him by the selectmen laying out a highway over his land in October 31st 1704 and to make and maintain one half the gate from time to time which is in the division between Deacon Fisk and him) one acre and one half of common land on Lords hill bounding upon Deacon James Friend northeasterly 27 poles or thereabouts and

Northwesterly it boundeth upon the land laid out to Goodman Rix and the Kimballs about 16 poles and southwesterly upon a small piece of land left for the widow Cue's damage 7 poles and one half and southeasterly it boundeth upon Cue's land about 27 poles down to said Friends |first mentioned land which land was in full satisfaction| for the damage above said.

Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Fisk of Ipswich in the County of Essex in the province of Massachusetts bay in New England forever have remised released and forever quit claim, and do forever by these presents for myself, my heirs, Executors administrators remise, release, and absolutely quit claim to the propritors of Wenham in the County above said forever all of common rights that I now have or ever had or any way is or was belonging to me the above said Joseph Fisk all and all maner of suits actions and judgments or judgment, and the judgment at Court the last March past the date hereoff on the 30th day held at Ipswich and I obtained a bill of cost of the above said propritors of Wenham which I do allso acquit them of, and acknowledge myself fully satisfied and paid and contented and do acquit the above said propritors of all demands whatsoever from the begining to this day, Allways provided that the propritors above said do not molest the quiet posession of my Brother Samuel Fisk of a common right and in confirmation hereof I have sett to my hand on this 13th day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred eight.

Signed and Sealed in presence of us,
Joseph Fisk (and a seal)
Thomas Fisk, Robert Symonds Junr. William Rogers

May 10th 1708 — At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants duely warned Walter Fairfield chosen Moderator, Thomas Patch chosen Representative for the year ensueing. Then a committee was allso chosen and appointed for to seat the persons in our meeting house and so to order and so to regulate and order in said consern untill the town so cause to alter it by choosing another committee and Deacon James Friend, Ensign Walter Fairfield Sargent Thomas Patch Capt. Fisk, Lieut. John Porter are chosen for said service.

May 10th 1708 At meeting of the Selectmen agreed with William Rogers to keep school for the towns use and for |reasonable satisfaction which I have| received security for, to my satisfaction William Rogers

To Capt. Fisk treasurer for the town of Wenham these are to certify to all it may concern that I have received on account of my salary in full fifty eight pounds from Constable Thomas Edwards and those in his ward rated to me I say received by me Joseph Gerrish.
|March 10th 1708/9 A true entry Attest.|
|William Fairfield Town Clerk|

We the subscribers hereunto being a committee appointed June 22nd 1708 by the propritors of the common land in the township of Wenham at their meeting the eighth of this instant as by records of the town may appear and having received from the committee appointed adjust account of £24 15s 0d for debt the defraying of which we have made sale of the following parcels of land viz: To Daniel Mclaflin we have sold for seven pounds an acre and a hundred and fourteen poles bounded as followeth by the land of Widow Ruth Dodge beginning at a rock at the north side of the brook and so about 36 poles to the corner of her wall as now it stands and so turning northerly to a stake and heap of stones about eleven poles leaving the highway 4 poles wide between the land of Thomas Patch Senr. and said line of eleven poles and then turning southwesterly about 28 poles to a stake and heap of stones on the west side of the brook coming out of the land of Benjamin Edwards his land and the line above said and from said stake and heap of stones on the west side of the brook coming out of the land of Benjamin Edwards his land and the line above said and from said stake and heap of stones to the rock first mentioned which boundarys contain |two acres and fourteen poles,| the sixty poles before granted being insluded.

We have allso sold to Samuel Corning Junr. about half an acre bounded Northeasterly by a line from the stake which is in the divisional line between Wenham and Beverly at the east corner of his meadow and so westerly 26 poles to a stake and a heap of stones and so to the stone wall and along said wall as it goeth and from the end of it to a sharp rock with stones about it five poles from the end of it and so on 24 poles to a stake and heap of stones and thence 12 poles on to a white oak standing on a Knowl of rocks and so untill we come to Thissells bounds being all

the land between the said line and his own meadow price 40 shillings.

Allso we have sold to William Dodge a parcel of common laying between his own land and Ipswich line containing about ½ acre being all the common land in that place and boundeth easterly upon Joseph Dodges land called |flaggy meadow| for twenty seven shillings and six pence and allso we have sold him another parcel laying between his own land and the highway going to Rice Knowltons land Easterly and from his corner bounds at the highway and thence we turned west 24 poles to a stake and heap of stones by the highway being eight poles from his own land which line of eight poles boundeth it at the westerly end. At fifty and five shillings pr. acre the whole amounting to |13 pounds and eighteen shillings.|

Allso we have sold to Nathaniel Waldron a parcel of common land laying between his own land formally Goldsmiths and Abbeys bounding Northwesterly upon the highway goeing that leadeth from Abbeys Bridge so called through said Waldrons land formally Goldsmiths leaving the highway two poles wide and bounding southeasterly upon a line from the division that now is between Joshua Wallis and the said Waldrons land on the other side and so all the common land between his two livings above said reserving as good a highway through it of two poles wide as that which has been used by the fence of Abbeys living on one side or the other as said Waldrons choice for five pounds and ten shillings. Which sums to us are all in hand paid and secured to be |paid in the towns behalf which amount £29 5^{s} 0^{d}.|

John Porter
John Gott
Joseph Herrick
} Committee

January 25th 1708 pursuant to a grant of the town bearing date March 16, 1707/8 we whose names are hereunto subscribed have laid out to Thomas Kimball Junr and Richard Kimball Junr eight acres of common land at the east end of the town adjoining upon the first division by Longham Meadow bounded on said division 32 poles beginning at the meadow then turning westerly 40 poles to a stake and heap of stones then turning 32 poles to a stake and heap of stones and then turning easterly 40 poles to the bounds first mentioned.

Thomas Fisk
John Porter
Benjamin Edwards
} Committee

Whereas the Town granted and laid out to our above mentioned sons the land above said we do acknowledge in their receiving the same we have received full satisfaction for any further claim of right of commonage in the common land in the township of Wenham other than our single share which we are allready allowed and in witness hereof we have set our hands this 25th day of January 1708

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Samuel Γ Kimball
mark
Thomas Kimball

Know all men by these presents that I James Friend of Wenham in the County of Essex and province of the Massachusetts bay in New England yoeman. have received of William Dodge of said town and county — the full sum of forty shillings money in hand paid and secured to be paid for and in consideration of which I have for myself and for my heirs forever bargained and sold assigned and set over unto the said William Dodge and his heirs &c. all my right share and interest in the common land yet remaining undivided in the township of Wenham to me belonging by grant or vote of said town and that it shall and may be lawfull for the said Dodge forever hereafter in my name and stead to ask for demand and receive and in his own name and to his own propor use and benefit to improve occupy and enjoy the same forever hereafter. And further that I neither have or will do anything to make void or encumber this sale and in confirmation of what is above written I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd of February 1708/9

James Friend

Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

Know All men by these presents that I William Fairfield of Wenham in the County of Essex and province of Massachusetts bay in New England Yoeman have for and in consideration of three pounds to me in hand paid by William Dodge of said town and county, bargained and sold assigned and set over unto the said Dodge and his heirs forever all my right title and interest in the undivided common land in the township of Wenham which accrueth to me by town grant for a division and as I am asignee to Thomas Kilham and I do for myself and my heirs forever quit claim unto the said William Dodge all my right title and interest in the same which doth or may accrue to me or mine by the

towns grant for a division. and that it shall and may be lawfull for him the said Dodge to use occupy and enjoy the same and in all respects to act and vote about the same in town affairs as I by law might do and in confirmation of all above written I |have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day| of February 1708/9 William Fairfield

June 8th 1708 at a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants duely warned and convened. Capt. Thomas Fisk chosen Moderator

Voted that whereas Capt. Fisk hath agreed with Joesph Fisk and obliged himself to pay him ten pounds. that the propritors reimburse the money. which was in satisfaction of a judgment of court the said Fisk obtained against the propritors at the last inferior court at Ipswich holden on the 30th day of March 1708 Voted that there shall be some Common land sold to defray the said ten pounds and all the change their agents hath expended in Joseph Fowlers case, and Joseph Fisks case. Voted. that the sale of so much land beloning to the propritors as is nessary for the end above said it is left with a Committee and Lieut. John Porter John Gott and Joseph Herrick are chosen for the said Committee. Voted That Thomas Kimball Sargent John Perkins and Nathaniel Waldron are chosen a Committee for to adjust accounts with the town agents and to make return of the same they allow |to the Committee ordered to sell Common| land to pay the same.

Att a meeting of the Selectmen December 12th 1707 £6.00 Mr Treasurer be pleased to pay to Deacon Fisk out of the town stock in your hands (when you can get it in) the sum of six pounds the full of his due as Representative from his begining of his said Service unto this day and take his receipt in |full for the same, by order of the Selectmen|

William Fairfield Town Clerk

£5.00 Received of Mr Treasurer five pounds I say received by me this 17th day of february 1707/8 I have received twenty Shillings of Constable Berry by order of the Treasurer which make the sum in full according to the within written order of six pounds I say received by me Sept 27th 1708 William Fisk. The above order and |receipt upon the same is| truly |entered|

|Attest| William Fairfield Town Clerk

Know all men that I have received of the town treasurer in the towns behalf the sum of two pounds seven shillings in full satisfaction for what was due to me for keeping the meeting house for the year 1706 and for the Selectmens expenses untill the 12th of December 1707 I say received by |me this 19th day of November 1708| —Robert Symonds

Augts 1st 1708 At a meeting of the Selectmen A tax was made in two divisions according to law the one amounting to fifty seven pound and committed to Constable Thomas White and the other amounting to 71 pounds 18 shillings and committed to Constable Benjamin Fisk both which are for paying the province treasurer the towns proportion of |the tax laid upon the province this| year.

December 1708 At a meeting of the Selectmen a town rate was made for the paying of the ministers Sallary in money and wood and the Representative & other town charges in four lists two of which are in Constable Thomas White's ward amounting to thirty nine pounds nineteen shillings and 8 pence with 13 cords of wood with a warrant to Collect the same and pay into the town treasurer by the first day of January next and to make up and Isue his accounte of the same by the first day of March next ensueing.

And the other two lists in Constable Benjamin Fisks ward amounting to fifty one pound £51 03s 01d and 7 Cords ½ wood and with a warrant anexed |thereunto| to |pay into, as is above expressed.|

At a meeting of the Selectmen Nov. 19th 1708

A highway is then laid out over the land of Thomas Edwards to accomadate Benjamin Edwards to come to the town which highway begins at Benjamin Edwards his own land and over the land of Thomas Edwards where the highway now goeth as it is now fenced to the land of Josiah Dodge and agreed with said Edwards for five pounds to be paid him for the same and upon and in confirmation he hath hereunto set his hand

his
Thomas O Edwards
mark

Receipt of the money
to discharge the town

January 25th 1708. At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of Wenham duly warned, Ensign Walter Fairfield chosen Moderator.

Voted, whereas the Selectmen have made a town rate and committed it to the Constable for the defraying the towns debts, that the rate shall stand and be collected for the towns use and what over pluss is in it over and above what the town is now indebted shall remain, |at the towns disposal untill March meeting.|

March 1st 1708/9

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of Wenham being duly Warned; Ensign Walter Fairfield chosen Moderator Ensign Walter Fairfield Benjamin Edwards, Ephraim Kimball John Gott, and Josiah Dodge are chosen Selectmen for the year ensueing.

William Fairfield chosen town clerk for the year ensueing.

Mr Daniel Dodge chosen Constable for the east side of the road for the year ensueing and Nathaniel Brown chosen Constable for the west do. Nathaniel Fairfield accepted by the town to serve as Constable for Mr. Dodge and sworn to said office.

For surveyors of highways Thomas Kimball is chosen for the eastwards of the straights and Theophelus Fisk to the West.

And for fence viewers Ebenezer Batchelder Samuel Kimball Junr. and Rice Knowlton are chosen for the year ensueing.

And for sealer of weights and measures Ensign Fairfield is chosen to continue.

For tithing men Sargent John Perkins, Samuel Fisk Junr. and Joshua Wallis are chosen for the year ensueing.

Nathaniel Waldron Chosen Town treasurer for the year ensueing.

Voted. that there shall be a meeting of the inhabitants and propritors on tuesday the eighth day of this instant at 12 of the clock at the meeting house to do what remains necessary to be done in the consern not finished this day.

March 1st 1708/9. Nathaniel Waldron Joshua Wallis, Theophelus Fisk, Nathaniel Brown Ebenezer Batchelder, Samuel Kemball, Thomas Kimball Samuel Fisk Junr. Rice Knowlton and William Fairfield took the oaths of their respective offices, of the meeting above said the votes is finished on the 8th.

Voted for the time to come no money for the towns use shall be put into the Country tax but just the sum demanded by the Country treasuer. and what the Constables have for collecting.

And some time before our towns agreement is to pay the ministers rate the town shall be called together to give their order for how much the towns assesment shall be made for and shall all pass through the account of the town treasurer or receiver that so the town may have a just account and all town |debts orderly discharged.|

At a meeting March 8th 1708/9 of the inhabitants and propritors of Wenham met according to a vote at the last meeting.

Voted. that the highway which the selectmen laid out over Sargent John Batchelders land from the open highway to the great swamp on Dec. 8th 1705 is allowed to and accounted good with the satisfaction for it.

Voted that Joseph Dodge is chosen by the town to keep a public house of entertainment in our town.

Voted that the Selectmen are empowered to agree with three school dames to teach children for to reed and a school master to learn young people to write, |and cypher and to engage 40 shillings| in the towns behalf for their service.

April 9th 1709. At a meeting of the selectmen then accounted with Capt. Thomas Fisk for his receivings and disbursements in the office of town treasuer for the |years 1706. 1707. 1708 and have ballanced all accounts| and there remains nothing due.

Then received of Constable Thomas White the sum of nineteen shillings in full of the towns rate committed to him to collect in the year 1706 I say |received by me Thomas Fisk Town treasurer.|
February 8th 1708/9.

April 9th 1709 Then received of Capt. Fisk town treasuer the sum of |eighteen shillings in part of my due for ringing the bell.| I say received 18s. Robert Symonds.

May 1709. At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of Wenham duely warned and convened for choosing of a representative and other town buisness, Ensign Walter Fairfield chosen Moderator. William Fisk chosen Representative |to serve at the general Court the year ensueing.|

June 10th 1709. At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of Wenham duely warned and met together Capt. Fisk Chosen moderator.

Voted that Thomas Edwards shall be paid for his highway by the sale of some Common land.

Voted that the town choose some persons as a committee to agree with any person that shall appear to take Henry More and his wife and to give fifty pounds in money the one half at or before the first day of December next and the other half within one year after the date hereof and to take security to secure the town from being at any charge about them as the poor of our town for ever. and Ensign Samuel Kimball Sargent Benjamin Edwards and Joseph Herrick are chosen to perfect the bargain and |to sell so much common land as to make five pounds| towards said payment.

June 22nd 1709—At a meeting of the commoners of Wenham duely warned and convened Ensign Walter Fairfield chosen Moderator.

Voted that whereas Samuel Porter hath commenced a suit against the propritors for a common right which suit is to be heard at the inferior court of Common pleas to be holden at Salem on the last tuesday of June Instant which cause the propritors will defend against him.

And Ensign Samuel Kimball William Rogers Samuel Kimball Junr. and Nathaniel Fairfield are chosen and fully empowered as agents (or any one of them) to appear at said Court to manage the said cause for them in the law to affect as the propritors might themselves do if present.

Wenham May 10th 1709—At a meeting of the Selectmen reconked with William Rogers for his services as a schoolmaster for our town for all time past and for the year now present 1709 he serving for a school master for one year next after the date hereof, and allso do acquit said Rogers of and from the £3.8s.8d. which was due to the town upon reckoning in the year |1706 when he served as Constable|

Walter Fairfield, John Gott and
Josiah Dodge Selectmen

Augt the 8th 1709 then received of Ensign Samuel Kimball, Benjamin Edwards and Joseph Herrick as they are a committee for the town the first five pounds due to me for keeping Henry More and his wife which they were to sell land to pay.

Received by me the day and year above said. Nathaniel Fairfield.

September 20th 1709—At a meeting of the Inhabitants and freeholders of Wenham duely warned and convened, Ensign Fairfield Chosen Moderator.

Voted that the Selectmen shall assess the inhabitants of our town for the raising of twenty pounds money to pay the towns annuall expenses besides the ministers salary for this present year.

Voted that the Selectmen shall procure 40 shillings for the towns agents Samuel Porter by adding so much land to the sale of the five pounds worth for Thomas Edwards

April 10th 1709 We the Subscribers for, and in behalf of our respective towns of Salem and Wenham have this day according to order and appointment met and perambulated the bounds betwixt the said towns and renewed the bound marks as it was done in the year 1709

John Gott
Benjamin Edwards } For Wenham
Ephraim Kimball

Stephen Sewill
Walter Price
Francis Willoughby } for Salem
John Gerrish
Daniel Andrews

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Beverly on April 27th 1709 Mr John Trask Ensign Edward Raymond Mr Nathaniel Raymond Mr John Herrick and Corporal Samuel Corning or the major part of them where appointed empowered and desired to meet with the Selectmen of Wenham or such persons as they have appointed at the house of Ephraim Kimball in said Wenham on the 9th day of May next Ensueing the date hereof at 9 ock in the morning And with them to perambulate on the line and renew the bounds betwen Beverly and Wenham

Attest Robert Woodbury T. Clerk

May 9th 1709 We whose names are under written being met together to perambulate the line and renew the bounds between our towns Viz Wenham and Beverly. by mutual Consent and did renew the White Oak at Birch plain in Nathaniel Raymonds ground marked with S & W to which we added the letter B which tree was lately renewed by

Salem & Wenham gentlemen and from them we perambulated the line and reviewed all the bounds from said tree to Manchester line on bounds which was renewed by said towns on May the 7th 1706

John Coy
Josiah Dodge } For Wenham
Ephraim Kimball

John Trask
Edward Raymond
John Herrick } For Beverly
Nathaniel Raymond

A True Entry
Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

October 25th 1709 At a town meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders duely warned.
Capt. Fisk Chosen Moderator.

Voted that the Money that he has engaged to Nathaniel Fairfield at or before the last day of December next being twenty pounds shall be raised by selling some Common land belonging to the town and Ensign Samuel Kimball Sergent Joseph Batchelder and William Fairfield are chosen to make sale of so much land |as to make said money| February 8th 1708 I have received of the town treasuer the sum of two pounds eight shillings I say received by me Josiah Dodge |£2 8s 0d the above is a true entry| Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents that whereas I Thomas Patch of Wenham in the County of Essex in New England have served the said town as a representative for several years past whereby there has been considerable sums of money due to me on that account and having at several times and payments in the year 1709 Received of Nathaniel Waldron Town treasurer the Eleven pound six in full of all accounts for that service and do therefore aquit the town of any further |claim on that account dated March 31st| 1710

November 15th 1709 At a meeting of Commoners and propritors in the township of Wenham duely warned and Convened. William Fairfield chosen Moderator.

Voted that whereas Samuel Porter hath obtained a judgment for a right of Commonage the town hath nominated and Chosen Capt. Fisk Ensign Samuel Kimball and William Fairfield as a Committee to confer with said Porter

about a compliance and make a report to the town at their next meeting

Voted. that the propritors and Commoners meet again at the Meeting house on |tuesday the 29th of this instant to agree and conclude| about the premises.

December 22nd 1709 At a town meeting of the inhabitants and propritors duely warned and convened Walter Fairfield Chosen Moderator

Voted that the Selectmen are empowered to make a town rate for twenty pounds to pay Nathaniel Fairfield towards his bargain for keeping Henry More and his wife and the vote for selling land for that twenty pounds is made void.

the above is a true entry as witness our hand
|Walter Fairfield Benjamin Edwards|
Josiah Dodge Ephraim Kemball Selectmen

The Rates Committed to the Constable for the year 1709

Augt 22nd 1709 A province rate was Committed to the Constables one to Nathaniel Fairfield amounting to fifty six pounds ten shillings £56 10s 0d besides Sufficient Allowance for his Collecting the same.

November 1st 1709 A town and County rate was made in one list for his ward amounting to thirty seven pounds and fourteen shillings £37 14s 0d with a warrant to collect the same and make payment to the town treasurer £36 6s 7d and to the County treasurer £1 7s 7d for the colecting whereof he is allowed Allso December 23d 1709 a town rate Committed to him amounting to nine pound five shillings and Eleven pence to Collect and pay to the town treasurer |seventeen penny weight and with warrant| to perform the same.

August 22nd 1709 A province rate was made and committed to Constable Nathaniel Brown amounting to sixty nine pounds ten shillings payable to the province treasuer and twenty seven shillings to the town treasuer with sufficient allowance for collecting.

November 1st 1709 A town and County rate was made and committed to Constable Nathaniel Brown in one list amounting to forty five pounds three shillings one penny, one pound ten shillings whereof was ordered to the County treasuer and forty three pounds thirteen shillings and 1 penny to the town treasuer with warrant to collect said list and make the above said payments with sufficient allowance for collecting the same

December 23rd 1709 A town rate was made and committed to Constable Nathaniel Brown amounting to eleven pound five shillings and six pence seventeen penny money with a warrant to Collect the same and pay it into the town treasuer.

Constable Browns part of wood in his rate for the minister |was 17 Cords and 6 feet and Constable Fairfield| part was 13 Cords.

We whose names are underwritten being a committee appointed by the town at their meeting on the tenth day of June 1709 to sell so much common land as would procure five pounds in money to pay for the keeping of Henery More and his wife and accordingly have made sale of two small parcels of land to Joshua Wallis containing near about two acres be it more or less as it is here after bounded, the one being that parcel of common land laying between his own land before his door and boundeth southeasterly with a straight line from the bound tree parting between Goodman Haggitt and said Wallis his land on the south to said Wallis corner on the north and on the north west it boundeth with running out the divisional line that parteth between David Maxeys land and the said Wallis's land on the south side of the way, straight to the said Wallise's land on the north side.

The other parcel being nine score pole of the common land and adjoining to the said Joshua Wallis's land laying on the north side of his house lot and extendeth westerly to the bounds parting between Nathaniel Waldrons land and his own and is six poles wide at each end and thirty poles long which two parcels we have sold and laid out to the above said Joshua Wallis for five pounds in money for the end above mentioned as witness our hands—|this 8th day of August 1709|

his
Samuel Γ Kimball
mark
Benjamin Edwards
Joseph Herrick
Committee

Know all men by these presents that I John Severett of Wenham in the county of Essex have received of John Gott of said town and County the full and just sum of twenty shillings in money which is in full satisfaction for my share of that parcell of Swamp land laid out to me in partnership

with Theophelus Rix, John and Jonathan Moulton for our division of common land Cald the Acre in the common Swamp near Leaches meadow as by town record may more fully appear with its butts and bounds the fourth part whereof doth to me of right belong the which I John Severett do by these presents fully and absolutely bargain and sell asign and sett over to the said John Gott and his heirs forever to have and to hold as his and their right and that it shall and may be lawfull for the said Gott and his heirs &c to use occupy and enjoy the same and so divide with the rest of the propritors abovesaid as there shall be occasion as I myself might lawfully have done and in confirmation of all above written I have hereunto sett my hand this third day of October 1709 |as Attest William Fairfield|
Town Clerk

his
John Z Severett
mark

Boston September 12th 1707

Received of Mr. William Rogers, Constable of Wenham eight pounds, nineteen shillings in full, Received for Mr. James Taylor treasuer, pr. Jeremiah Allen,

|A true entry Attest. William Fairfield (Town Clerk)|

March 18th 1708/9. I acknowledge I have received of Mr. William Rogers Constable for the year 1706 in full as in his ward thirty two pounds £32 0s 0d

|Attest William Fairfield, Town Clerk|

I say received by me Joseph Gerrish.

At a meeting of the Selectmen October 14th 1709 then laid out and sold to Josiah Dodge about two acres of land according to an order of the town herewith all recorded, to procure money to pay Thomas Edwards for his highway and to procure 40 shillings for the town agents in Samuel Porters case which land is bounded with a line from the corner bounds that passeth between Nathaniel Waldrons land and the said Dodges own at the west end so Southeasterly to a rock 14 poles then turning a little more southerly to another rock 18 poles then turning easterly 13 poles to another rock then turning five poles to the walnut tree which is the said Dodges easterly corner bounds formally Claflins and so it boundeth upon said Dodges land to the

bounds first mentioned for which land we have received seven pounds in money for the towns use.

Benjamin Edwards,
Ephraim Kimball } Selectmen
John Gott

October 14th 1709 Then received five pounds in money in full satisfaction for the highway which the Selectmen laid out over my land for my brother Benjamin's use in November the 19th 1708

I say received by me to content

his
Thomas O Edwards
mark

Wenham March 11th 1708/9 these may certify all whom it may concern that the division in that part of our town land known by the name of the fourth division and is on the southeast side of turnip swamp beginning at a white oak stump near Manchester road, and is bounded by said road from said stump unto a marked white oak and is accounted Capt Wests bounds from thence turning southerly to the white oak at the gravely Bridge and so on southerly to the white Oak marked with W and B which is the corner bounds between Wenham and Beverly and then turning westerly upon the line that parts between said Wenham and Beverly to a stake and heap of stones which is allso the bounds of the third division from thence turning northerly to the bounds first mentioned which said parcel of land was set out by a committee for said town to be equally divided between 8 men of our town Whose names are followeth

Capt. Thomas Fisk Senr.
John Barr
Richard Stratton
Walter Fairfield
Robert Symonds Senr.
Josiah Dodge
David Batchelder
Robert Symonds Junr.

Which said fourth division of land we have to our satisfaction divided as followeth to Josiah Dodge one eighth part in the right of Capt Fisk to Josiah Dodge one eighth in his own right

To Daniel Stone in the right of David Batchelder one eighth part of said division and to the said Daniel Stone one eighth part in the right of Robert Symonds Junr. and

to sd. Josiah Dodge and to said Daniel Stone 1/8 part in right of Robert Symonds.

All the five forementioned rights are bounded northeasterly on Manchester road 45 rods and on the westerly side with the third division to the stake and heap of stones on Beverly line; and Southerly are bounded by Beverly line forty and nine poles to a stake and heap of stones which is Walter Fairfields bounds allso and are bounded by the westerly side of the said Fairfields eighth to a stake and a rock at Manchester road which five eighths the said Josiah Dodge and Daniel Stone have equally divided between themselves as followeth that is to say from a stake and heap of stones in the line, that part to the third and fourth division forty five poles from the stake and heap of stones standing in the Beverly line between the said third and fourth division and so on a straight line towards the white oak tree called the Wests bounds on the gravelly Ridge untill it cometh to the westerly side of the sixth eighth which is the said Walter Fairfields Lott and the said Josiah Dodges is part of the said five eighth is at the easterly end next Manchester road and the said Daniel Stone part of said five eights is that next to Beverly line the sixth eighth of the said division is laid out to Walter Fairfield as his right of said division being ten rods and two feet next Manchester road and at the southerly end it is on Beverly line is eleven rods or poles and it is in breadth running from the gravelly Ridge nine pole and one half and two foot.

the seventh eighth is laid out to Andrew Dodge in the right of John Barr and is in breadth at the easterly end next the Manchester road ten poles wide and at the southwesterly end at Beverly line it is eleven poles wide bounded with a stake and heap of stones and in the middle from the gravelly Ridge it is nine poles and one half.

the eighth eighth was laid out to Richard Hutton as his right and share in said division being sixteen pole and at the easterly end next the Manchester road and is bounded on the westerly side with a stake and heap of stones which is allso Andrew Dodges bound and on the easterly side with Capt West his land and is twenty poles wide on Beverly line from Andrew Dodges stake and heap of stones to a tree marked with B and W. and at the gravelly ridge one pole and one half wide.

Witness our hands the day and year above written.
Walter Fairfield
Andrew Dodge
Josiah Dodge
his
Richard Z Hutton
mark
Daniel Stone

Know all men by these presents that whereas the Committee appointed by the town to lay out the acre lots did lay out to us the subscribers hereof our share in that division in partnership with Joseph Batchelder being accounted four acres according to the bounds thereof as they stand entered in the town book bearing date January 5th 1698 be the same more or less according as the bounds are entered do hereby sell allinate asign and set out unto Josiah Herrick of Wenham in the county of Essex and his heirs forever all our right title and interest in the said parcel of land for and in consideration that the abovesaid Joseph Herrick hath paid to each of us to our satisfaction the sum of sixteen shillings a piece which parcel of land is situated in the township of Wenham aforsaid in the swamp which was common near to the house of John Leach and in witness hereoff we have hereunto set our hands this 7th day of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and nine—1709/10, as attest

Thomas Kimball
Ephraim Kimball
Caleb Kimball
William Fairfield Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents. that I William Knowlton in the County of Essex and province of Massachusetts bay in New England yoeman for and in consideration of a valuable sum of money to me in hand paid by Nathaniel Waldron of said town and county Brick layer have given granted bargained and sold unto said Waldron and his heirs forever a certain acre lot laid out and recorded to me in this book of records being the first lot in the first division laid out febuary 12th 1702-3 as it stands bounded in said record to him said Waldron and his heirs to have and to

hold and in confirmation of what is above written I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of March 1710

his
William K Knowlton
mark

1709 to 10

We whose names are hereunto subscribed being propritors in the ninth division of our town Common land at the East end of our town have mutually agreed and divided the said division into eight single parts to each particular person his share and by this our agreement do make void the division of said lot which the committee entered in our town books January 19th 1707/8 and have altered their settlement and taken our lots by mutual consent as followeth

The first lot to Deacon Fisk bounded westwardly upon land of Rice Knowlton at the road to a fixed rock in the ground by the highway going to Manchester 20 poles from a stub oak bounded eastwardly upon the second lot to a walnut tree at Ipswich line.

The second lot to Samuel Kimball Senr beginning at a fixed Rock in the ground by the road going to Manchester 20 poles from the stub oak the corner bounds of the said division and so on upon the road 12 poles to a stump with a heap of stones about it thence turning Northerly 38 poles to a forked red oak and so on to Ipswich line to another forked red oak marked and sowesterly on Ipswich line to a walnut bush marked 24 poles which is the bounds of the first lot.

The 3rd lott to Daniel Claflin beginning at the forked red oak 38 poles from the road going to Manchester and thence easterly to a maple standing by the pond and so all the land belonging to the said division between the pond and Ipswich line untill it cometh to the easterly end of the four acre lots formerly laid out.

The 4th to John Coy beginning upon the road going to Manchester at the stump which is the bounds of the second and so 38 poles to the head of Daniel Claflin's and so along upon his lot as it is above entered to the pond so taking the pond to said Coys fence for the bounds and then his fence to the road and along upon the road to the bounds first mentioned.

The 5th lot to Nathaniel Brown in the right of Capt Fisk Senr deceased beginning at a pine in Ipswich line near Daniel Claflins corner and so along upon Ipswich line 17

poles and one half to a white oak then turning Southerly to a Red oak by the pond and so by the pond 23 poles to a maple, so including all the land belonging to said division up to the east end of the four acre lots above mentioned.

The 6 lott to John Edwards bounding upon the Red oak by the pond last mentioned and so to the white Oak in Ipswich line which are Nathaniel Browns bounds and so on Ipswich 13 poles and one half then turning to the pond to a red oak 20 poles distant from said Browns Lott.

The 7th Lott to Josiah Dodge beginning upon Ipswich line at the White Oak which is John Edwards his bounds and so on said line 13 poles to a yellow oak then turning to a red oak near the pond being twenty poles distant from John Edwards lott, the lotts last mentioned all go down to the pond.

The eighth lott to Deacon James Friend bounding Westerly upon Josiah Dodge and easterly upon the pond partly and partly upon a acre lot and northerly upon the Acre lots formerly laid out by the town and bounds onward still upon the Ipswich line unto Josiah Dodge's bounds

And we do further agree with each other for ourselves and our heirs forever that it shall be lawfull for us or any of us our heirs or successors for ever hereafter to pass over each others lot for our necessary improuving of our divisions so as not to distroy the wood and timber growing upon said lots and in confirmation of what is above written with that on the other side we have hereunto set our hands this 6th day of February 1709/10 signed by

James Friend
his
Samuel 7 Kimball
mark
|John Coy|
Josiah Dodge
Nathaniel Brown
John Edwards
Daniel Claflin

Know All Men by these presents that whereas I Joseph Fowler of Wenham interested by the towns divisions of their land in the ninth division at the east end of the town in which division Josiah Dodge is entered for one eighth part in the town book and whereas I Josiah Dodge am interested in the first division in the swamp by the town grant

of a division of Common land and Joseph Fowler is entered to have an eighth of said division for the confirmation and explanation wherof we the above named Joseph Fowler and Josiah Dodge do hereby agree for ourselves and for our heirs forever that we do ratify and confirm the said entrys and do declare our Mutual consent and by these presents do agree and exchange each with the other our original rights as they stand entered and to allow and accept them as they enterchangebly entered and do for ourselves and our heirs forever confirm the same in confirmation whereof we have hereunto set our hands this twentieth day of February 1709

Joseph Fowler
Josiah Dodge

Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham this sixth day of March 1709/10 then the Selectmen laid out a highway for the accomodation of Freborn Balch of Beverly to his land and grant of meadow in Wenham for his use and those that shall succeed him in that land formerly Capt. Fisks being an antient house lot and the grant of meadow in said Balches possession formerly Thomas Scrugses which highway is laid out and staked eighteen foot wide beginning at the Country road bounding on the northwest side upon Mr Hulls fence as it now stands And so extending the above mentioned breadth towards the brook running out of the great pond and so to said Hulls east corner and so along 18 foot in breadth to the aforesaid Balch's land before mentioned at the lower end of the lot or lots between Hulls land and the said Balches all which highway was formerly improved and occupied as an open highway for the inhabitants of said town and of right beloneth to the town and their assigns and in confirmation hereof we have hereunto set our hands

Walter Fairfield
Benjamin Edwards } Selectmen
John Gott

The above is a true entry as it here stands entered attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

March 17th 1709/10

We whose names are here underwritten being a committee appointed by the town to lay out to Samuel Porter

eight acres of land according to an order of the town bearing date March the 7th 1709/10 as on record may appear, did measure and lay out to said Porter eight acres of land adjoining to Richard and Thomas Kimballs begining at longham meadow and so to said Kemballs north corner and so on a line to make it 46 poles in length and twenty eight poles at each end and 45 poles in length bounding upon the common westward as witness our hands the day and year above said.

Benjamin Edwards
John Gott
William Fairfield

Know all men by these presents, that whereas the town have granted and laid out to me eight acres as above expressed in satisfaction of the Judgment of the superior court holden at Salem November 1709 for a right of commonage or twenty pounds money and cost in full satisfaction whereof I, Samuel Porter of Wenham in the county of Essex and province of Massachusetts bay in New England yoeman have accepted the above eight acres and so for myself & my heirs executors, and administrators and assigns forever absolutely and firmly acquit and release and discharge the propritors in common land in the town of Wenham of and from any further due challange or demand on the account of the above said courts judgment have received full satisfaction as abovesaid and in Witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand this twentyfirst day of March 1709/10 as attest. William Fairfield Town Clerk,

Samuel Porter

March 7th 1709/10

At a general town meeting of the freeholders and inhabitants duely warned and convened Capt. Fisk chosen Moderator.

Capt. Thomas Fisk, Sargent Benjamin Edwards Ephraim Kimball, John Gott, and William Fairfield, chosen for Selectmen for the year ensueing.*

William Fairfield chosen Town Clerk for the year ensueing.

William Rogers, chosen Town Treasuer.

For surveyors of highways, Samuel Kilham Chosen for

the town and John Berry westward of the straights, And for a constable at the west end Samuel Fisk Junr. is chosen and for the east side of the town Stephen Patch is chosen Constable for the year ensueing

For fence viewers Sargent Thomas Edwards, Samuel Porter, and Benjamin Fisk for the year ensueing.

For tithingmen Ensign Samuel Kimball, John Batchelder and Josiah Dodge are chosen for the year ensueing.

Voted. — that whereas there is a necesity of Setling of a highway over the farm formerly Capt. Smiths for the accommodation of the inhabitants of our town that they will choose three men as a committee to take a survey of the different ways where said way may be settled and to discharge the propritors of the lands where the way may be laid out for the best advantage for the neighbors and to make a report to the town at their next meeting and Lieut. John Porter, Mr. Thomas Patch & William Fairfield are chosen a committee for the above said Service.

Voted: — that whereas Samuel Porter hath recovered a judgment in the law for a right of Commonage and cast that town will and do allow him eight acres of common land adjoining to the eight acres granted. to Richard and Thomas Kimball he acquitting the aforesaid judgment against the propritors wich land shall be laid out by Sarg^{t} Benjamin Edwards John Gott, and William Fairfield and the town discharged from the aforementioned debt to be by them secured.

Voted. that the town will meet again on this day fortnight at 12 of the clock to receive the reports of the Committee and act thereupon or any |other business that shall then fall in|

March the 7th 1709/10

Thomas Edwards and Samuel Porter sworn to the office of fence viewers for the year ensueing allso Ensign Samuel Kimball Josiah Dodge and John Batchelder sworn to the office of tithing men, Samuel Fisk and Stephen Patch sworn to the office of Constables for the year ensueing, William Fairfield sworn to the office of town clerk, Samuel Kilham and John Berry sworn to the office of surveyors of highways for this year William Rogers |sworn| to the office of |town treasuer| for this year ensueing.

March 21st 1709 — At a town meeting according to the vote passed the 7th of this instant William Fairfield, chosen Moderator.

Voted: that there shall be a highway laid out for the inhabitants of our town over the farm formally Capt. Smiths in the tenor that the highways are stated at the west end of the town either where it hath formally gone or some other place more convenient or considerations that particular persons will appear to bear all the charge that a new way will cost over and above what the propritors offer the old way for and what satisfaction shall be made for it shall be in common land.

Voted. — that in answer to the heirs about a right of commonage of John Salard the propritors will choose a committee to discover them and make a report to the propritors of the town at their next meeting and Ensign Samuel Kimball John Gott and William Fairfield are chosen a committee for the service abovesaid.

Voted — the abovesaid committee shall allso receive the claims and demands of all other persons claiming commonage in our town and make return as above said.

Granted to Aron Towns an acre of land to be laid out of town common to him near Mr. Dodges and to be |to him and his wife during their natural lives.|

March 21st 1709/10.

At a meeting of the Selectmen for the accounting with Nathaniel Waldron Town treasurer for the year 1709 and he is debtor to money received of Constable Brown out of his town rate £21 7s 6d To money received of Constable Nathaniel Fairfield out of the town rate in his hand £16 9s 10d. Mr. Nathaniel Waldron Town treasurer

Credit to money paid to the Order of the Selectmen. To money to Mr. Gerrish toward his Salary as by receipts — £35 18s 4d.

To money paid to Symonds £1 0s 5d due to him for providing for Henry More £0 17s 1d.

May 11th 1710. —

At a town and freeholders meeting duely warned Sargent Thomas Patch chosen Moderator.

Voted that William Dodge hath liberty to fence across the highway that goeth to the propritors land at the East end of the town between his own land formerly bought of the town and which he hath bought last being right oppersite to his own land bought provided that he make and maintain convenient gates for the use of the town untill

town shall see it any damage to them |and call in their vote.|
For a Representative William Fisk Senr. is chosen.

June 22nd 1710 —
Received of Constable Benjamin Fisk ten shillings which is in full of the town rate committed to him together the year 1708, I say received by me William Rogers town treasurer. the above is |a true entry as attest William Fairfield|
Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen the 22nd day of June 1710 then agreed with William Rogers for to keep the meeting house and ring the bell for the year ensueing and to keep a school in our town to learn the children to read and write,| and to have £2 10^{s} 0^{d} for his reward.|

February 27th 1707/8 received of Capt. Fisk town treasurer one pound, six shillings and six pence by me, John Edwards,
a true entry of the original receipt
William Rogers, Town Clerk.

July 13th 1710, At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of |Wenham duely warned and convened|
Ensign Samuel Kimball moderator.

Augt. 24th 1710. A province rate was made and commited to the constables in two distinct lists, Viz. to Samuel Fisk Constable a list amounting to 78 pounds payable to the treasuer of the province with sufficient allowance for his collecting, and to Constable Stephen Patch 60 pounds to the province treasuer with sufficient allowance for his collecting |of the same|.

Sept. 10th 1710 Then received of the town of Wenham by discounting of a rate committed to me to collect amounting to £9 5^{s} 11^{d} and £10 14^{s} 1^{d} paid with Constable Brown all which is paid to my content at seventeen penny weight according to the towns agreement to make up the first payment of the tweny five pounds for keeping Henry More and his wife.
|I say received by me to content| Nathaniel Fairfield

Boston February 2nd 1709
Reccived of Mr. Thomas White Constable of Wenham by Mr. William Fisk, fifteen pounds fourteen shillings and

ten pence in full, received for Mr. James Taylor treasurer
per Jno. Wheelright
A true entre Attest William Fairfield
Town Clerk

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants duely warned and met together this 7th of November 1710
Capt. Thomas Fisk chosen Moderator
Voted — that there shall be twenty pounds added to the sixty which is for our ministers salary which twenty pounds the inhabitants of our town shall be assessed with the sixty and shall be paid into the treasury for the towns use.
Voted — that there shall be common land sold for the procuring money to pay Nathaniel Fairfield the twenty five pounds due to him for Henry Mores keeping
And Ensign Walter Fairfield, Lieut. John Porter, and Joseph Herrick are chosen a committee to sell the same.

December 1st 1710
A town rate was made in two distinct lists and committed, Viz.
to Constable Samuel Fisk a list amounting to forty nine pounds, two shillings and eighteen cords of wood.
and to Constable Stephen Patch a list amounting to thirty eight pounds and ten shillings with 13 cords of wood, which lists have all of them a warrant annexed to them directed to each constable respectively as the law directs to collect said sums and pay the same |into the town treasuer at or before the last day| of January next for the towns use.

Received of Mr. Nathaniel Fairfield of Wenham the sum of twenty seven shillings and seven pence it being in full of his part to pay for the County rate for the town of Wenham.
Ipswich December 18th 1710.
John Appleton, County treasurer.
|The above is a true entry as attest|
William Fairfield, Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen April 7th 1710 to make sale of some common land to pay for the highway over the land of the propritors of Capt. Smiths farm and we made sale of a small piece of land to Rice Knowlton bounding upon the road going to Manchester on the Southwest and upon his own land westerly and upon the land in the pos-

ession of the propritors of the 9th division on the other side it being an angle reserving a pole and a half on that side of the way where it now goeth towards the road of 3 poles wide and have received of him three pounds ten shillings for the same.

We allso made sale of a small piece of common land to Mr. Daniel Dodge about two acres and one half be it more or less bounding southwesterly upon Richard Thissels line and southeasterly by a line from a great Red Oak standing by the stone wall 33 poles above the range of Mr. Dodges garden and so straight to an oak stump standing in the edge of the cleft of rocks 13 poles from the red oak which line is the southeast bounds, and northeast it boundeth upon a straight line from the aforesaid stump to the Northeast corner of said Dodges garden 13 poles from thissells line and westerly upon his own land for which we have received seven pounds money of him for.

Then allso laid out and sold to William Dodge seven acres of land by measure on the Southeasterly side of the road over against his own land leaving the road 3 poles wide which side is 46 poles long and each end twenty seven poles and one half wide and the line on the Southeasterly side is 36 poles long to stake and heap of stones at each corner for which we have received £17.10.0 of him for it.

all of which sums are to make satisfaction for the highway we laid out over the land of Joseph Fowler and Zacheus Goldsmith Richard Fowler and Samuel Kimball Junr. from the Country road to the river as upon record may appear.

Thomas Fisk
Benjamin Edwards
Ephraim Kimball
John Gott
William Fairfield
} Selectmen

Know all men by these presents, that whereas the Selectmen agreed with us the subscribers being propritors of the farm formerly Capt. Smiths for our damage by laying out a highway over our land for the following sums of money, Viz.

to Zacheus Goldsmith six pounds ten shillings
to Joseph Fowler seven pounds eight shillings,
to Richard Fowler six pounds nineteen shillings,
to Samuel Kemball six pounds
all of which sums we have received to satisfaction.

and do by these presents for ourselves and our heirs forever acquit and discharge the town of and from any further claim or demand upon the account of the above said as witness our hands this 21st day of April 1710
Signed by

Joseph Fowler
Samuel Kimball
Richard Fowler
Zacheus Goldsmith

As Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

We the subscribers being a committee appointed by the town to make sale of common land to pay Nathaniel Fairfield twenty five pounds in money for keeping Henry More and his wife have sold fourteen acres of Common land to William Dodge bounded as followeth, (be it more or less) beginning at the southwest corner of his land last sold him by the town and so straight down to the meadow fence and from thence turning southeastward by the meadow seventy five poles to a white oak stump with a stake in it then turning northerly to a rock by the highway the poles from Rice Knowltons southwest corner bounds lines together with the line of the land formerly sold him boundeth.

the whole which land we have sold him for thirty five pounds which sum of money being paid in full unto the towns receipts whereof being herewith entered then the above said sale of the above bounded land is confirmed and to be holden good and firm to him the said William Dodge and his heirs and in confirmation of what is |above written we have hereunto| set our hands this 5th day of January 1710

At the day and date above said received of William Dodge twenty and nine pounds of the above said sum the remaider to be fifteen penny weight or bills of public credit.

The three names defaced in this entry was done by them that signed because he that it was done for refused to pay the money as he pretended to do whereby the under written receipt could not be signed.

January 5th 1710/11 — Then received of ensign Walter Fairfield Lieut. John Porter and Joseph Herrick as a committee the twenty five pounds being the last payment due to me for keeping Henry More and his wife which is in full of |all dues from the town upon that account| I say received by me

☞ *never signed* ☜

At a meeting of the Selectmen January the eighth 1710/11, A highway was laid out over the land of Nathaniel Waldron from the river beginning at the great tree over against the rock in Goodman Goldsmiths land where the way laid out on the other side direct to the river and so it is three poles wide towards Josiah Dodges land beginning at the river and so it goeth three poles wide up to said dodges land leaveing an angle of goodman Waldrons land between said Dodges land and the highway at the river. and so it goeth up to the open highway above the land sold to Josiah Dodge upon the outside of said Waldrons land. which highway is three poles wide from the river to the town common and is paid for by the town to said Waldron on condition the town confirm the agreement made by the Selectmen with said Waldron on the 5th day of December 1710 as may appear under said Waldrons hand signed together with the selectmen which agreement |was that it be an open highway.|

Thomas Fisk
Ephraim Kimball } Selectmen
William Fairfield

We the subscribers being a committee empowered by the town to make sale of common land to procure money to pay Nathaniel Fairfield his due for Keeping Henry More and his wife, have sold to William Dodge fourteen acres of common land (be the same more or less) as it is hereafter butted and bounded and is adjoining to the land he bought last of the town beginning at the South west corner and so straight down to the meadow fence and from hence turning South eastward by the meadow 75 poles to a white oak stump with a stake in it then turning Northerly 36 poles to a pine marked and from the pine turning Northwesterly to a rock by the highway 3 poles from Rice Knowltons south west corner bound which lines together with the lines of the land formerly sold him for £35 0s 0d money the said money he said Dodge paid us in hand and secured it to us for the towns use and in confirmation of what is above written we have set our hands this 12 day of January 1710/11

Walter Fairfield
John Porter
Joseph Herrick

At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of Wenham May 10th 1711.—

Voted and confirmed the above said sale of the above said committee to the above said Dodge upon condition he the said Dodge do pay to the above |said town the full and just sum of 6 pounds money.|

January 12th 1710/11 — then received of ensign Walter Fairfield Lieut. John Porter and Joseph Herrick a committee for the town twenty five pounds in money to content for all that was due to me for Keeping Henry More and his wife and therefore do acquit and discharge the town of and from any further claim or demand on the account as witness my hand Nath. Fairfield.

November the 5th 1711 .— Received the above mentioned six pounds of said William Dodge above mentioned which was due for land sold to said Dodge as above mentioned, I say received by me, Joseph Herrick, Town treasurer.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham March 31st 1710 pursuant to an order of said town dated the 21st of this instant to lay out a highway from the Country road to the Neck accordingly have agreed and laid out a highway by agreement with the several propritors of the farm formally Capt. Smiths Viz.

Joseph Fowler
Zacheus Goldsmith
Samuel Kimball Junr. and
Richard Fowler

1st beginning at the Country road over the land of Samuel Kimball Junr. laying 3 poles wide adjoining to Joseph Dodge staked out at each end the said Kimball is to make and maintain a good and convenient cart gate at the country road and not to damnify the said Joseph Dodge in respect of his division of fence and from the south corner of said Kimballs land two poles in breadth over the land of Richard Fowler straight down to the run below Mr Smiths old cellar on the southwest side of it leavin ½ pole space between the cellar and the northwest side of the highway then crooking east and taking a small white oak near the line between Richards land and his farthers to bound the north side of the said highway and the whole breadth of two poles to lay south west of said line and the above said Richard Fowler to make and maintain a good and sufficient cart gate, in the division between Samuel Kimballs land

and his own and half of another in the division between his said farthers land and his own then the highway goeth over the land of Joseph Fowler. the Northeast side of the highway is bounded by the white oak spoken of in Richard Fowlers to a birch marked near the lower side of his field by the gully then turning to a stake at the stonewall between goodman Goldsmiths land and his own and so it layeth two poles wide upward towards his house, and the afore said Joseph Fowler is to make and maintain good and sufficient cart gate between his own land and Zacheus Goldsmiths and the other half of the gate in the division between his land and Richards. and over Zacheus Goldsmith to the river two poles wide beginning at a red oak by the stone wall between said Goldsmith land and Joseph Fowlers and so straight to the river by a rock at the edge of the pond over against the great tree on the other side in Goodman Waldrons land above the division between said Waldrons land and Josiah Dodges and so it is laid out two poles wide below the line aforesaid which highway afore said laid out by mutual consent.

and we the subscribers being the selectmen on the one part in behalf of the town and the above named propritors each one of us for ourselves our heirs and assigns forever do hereby agree covenant and engage to make and maintain the several gates as above expressed from time to time and at all times forever hereafter and that there shall be free liberty of passing and repassing for all our town inhabitants for whatsoever their ocasions shall be within the above mentioned two poles wide as it is stated and bounded and the satisfaction agreed upon to each propritor above mentioned is as followeth Viz.

to Samuel Kimball six pounds

to Richard Fowler six pounds nineteen shillings,

to Joseph Fowler seven pounds eight shillings and

to Zacheus Goldsmith six pounds ten shillings for which he is to make and maintain a good and sufficient gate in the division between his land and Nathaniel Waldrons land at the end of the highway above mentioned at the river both he and his heirs and assigns forever which Sums above said are to be all paid in common land if the propritors do accept. or else in money by the sale of it and it is further agreed that the herbage or feeding what said highway shall produce shall belong to said propritors

and in confirmation of all above written we have hereunto set our hands this 31st day of March 1710.

Joseph Fowler
Zacheus Goldsmith
Richard Fowler
Samuel Kimball Junr.

Thomas Fisk
Benjamin Edwards
Ephraim Kimball
William Fairfield
John Gott
} Selectmen

At a genaral town meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham duely warned and convened this 6th day of March 1711

William Fisk chosen Moderator.

For Selectmen Leiut. John Porter Ensign Samuel Kimball, John Gott Josiah Dodge and William Rogers are chosen for the year ensueing.

William Rogers chosen for town clerk for the year and sworn day above said.

For Constables Joseph Dodge for the east ward and Samuel Kimball Junr. for the west are chosen for the year ensueing, and sworn the same day above said.

Joseph Herrick chosen town treasuer.

Sargent Benjamin Edwards and Richard Leech are chosen surveyors of highways for the year ensueing. (Benjamin Edwards for the east end of the town.)

William Dodge Ebenezer Batchelder and John Berry are chosen tithing men. for the year ensueing.

Rice Knowlton Richard Fowler John Porter are chosen surveyors of fence for the year ensueing.

Richard Leech is chosen for the west end and all and each of them are sworn to their respective places of office chosen to the same day above said.

Ensign Walter Fairfield continued in the place of sealer of weights |and measures for the year ensueing.|

Voted — that Nathaniel Waldron shall have the land and liberty of the town of Wenham to set up a gate to close up the lane at the north east corner of said Waldrons land and so across to Josiah Dodges land untill the last of September next coming after the date hereof.

Voted — that Josiah Dodge and William Rogers are chosen a committee to lay out one acre of common land to Aron Goones according to a town vote.

Voted — upon a complaint made to the town by Mr. Thomas Edwards that Mr. Dodge sold common land to said Edwards. John Gott, Joseph Herrick are chosen a committee to examine and see wether Mr. Daniel Dodge has sold common land upon rocky hill unto the said Thomas Edwards and so make report at the next town meeting.

March 12th 1711 — At a meeting of the selectmen reckoned and accounted with Constable Nathaniel Brown for the two town rates committed to him to collect and gather & pay unto the town treasuer and have made the ballance for the year 1709.

and the said Brown is acquited from paying the twenty and seven shillings over pluss that was in the province list which is for abatement for money lost.

April 17th 1711 — We whose names are under written have met and have renewed the bounds between Manchester and Wenham Viz. Dodges stump and the white oak Stubb with the heap of stones about it and the other range bounds with mutual consent.

Josiah Dodge and William Rogers } Wenham Selectmen

John Lee, Joseph Woodbury } For Manchester Selectmen

The above is a true copy of the original,

Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

May 10th 1711 — At a legal town meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants Deacon William Fisk Chosen Moderator.

Deacon William Fisk chosen |Representative| for to |represent the town at Boston for the year ensueing|.

March 12th 1711 — We the subscribers being appointed a committee to view and see if Mr. Daniel Dodge has sold common land to Mr. Thomas Edwards upon Rocky hill, we being upon the place upon said day and we find about one acre and one half or thereabouts as near as we can judge that lays between Mr. Dodges land and Dixie's land and

the land that was extended by the execution to Joseph Fowler by the sheriff

John Gott
Joseph Herrick
Committee

The above report of the above said committee that as it is entered is a true |coppy of the original given under their hands| Attest. William Rogers Town Clerk

Allso voted — that goodwife Merritt shall have the loan to live in the Libbell |house called the town house| untill the town shall see cause to call for it.

Voted — to petition to the great and general Court for abatement of the Country rate or tax Allso voted that Ensign Walter Fairfield shall join with the Selectmen |to draw the petition and send it to the general Court| March 12th 1711

March 5th 1711 — Received of Mr. William Rogers town treasurer for the town of Wenham on account of my salary due for the year 1708 Mr. Thomas White being Constable for that year, the sum of two pounds twelve shillings and six pence £2 12s 6d in full, I say received by me, Joseph Gerrish. The above is a true copy of the original receipt.
William Rogers, Town Clerk

On the 22nd of February 1710/11 Received of Mr. William Rogers town treasuer for the town of Wenham, the sum of seven pounds thirteen shillings and one penny on account of my sallery due for the year 1709 in full, I say received by me Joseph Gerrish

The above is a true copy of the original receipt Attest.
William Rogers, Town Clerk

Received of Nathaniel Brown formerly Constable of Wenham the sum of thirty shillings upon the account of the county of Essex for the town of Wenham, March the 14th 1709/10 John Appleton County treasurer.

The above |is a true copy of the original receipt| attest
William Rogers, Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen June 13th 1709 to the town treasuer greeting, please pay to Landlord Symonds twenty shillings and five pence £0 20s 5d in full of all accounts and recknings between the town and him on all their deallings and take his receipt accordingly per order of the Selectmen William Fairfield Town Clerk

I have received the contents of the above written order in full of all accounts this 13th of June 1709

Robert Symonds

The above is a true copy of the original order and receipt as attest.

William Rogers, Town Clerk

November 19th 1711

At a meeting of the Selectmen then reconed with Deacon William Fisk for his goeing Representative to Boston and upon all accounts from the beginning of the world to this present day of the date hereof and there is due to said Fisk the sum of six pounds sixteen shillings £6 16s 0d and have given an order to the treasuer to pay it on the day above said

William Fisk

May 24th 1711

At a meeting of the Selectmen, William Rogers is agreed with to keep the school in our town and to keep the meeting house and ring the bell untill the first of March next coming and in consideration thereof he is to have the sum of two pounds and ten shillings for his pains.

John Porter
Josiah Dodge
John Gott
} Selectmen

Att a meeting of the Selectmen then appointed Joseph Dodge to keep |the pound for the year ensueing.|

Sept. 24th 1711 — At a meeting of the Selectmen a province tax was committed Constable Samuel Kimball bearing date the 27th day of Augt. 1711 amounting to the sum of £78.10s.4d. whereof he is to pay to the province treasuer the sum of seventy seven pounds 4 pence £77 0s 4d which he hath his warrant for and the 30 shillings over plus is to be for allowance for his gathering rates this year 1711

And allso a province rate committed to Constable Joseph Dodge bearing date the 27th of Augt. 1711 amounting to the sum of £62 3s 8d whereof he is to pay to the province treasurer the sum of sixty pounds 19 shillings and 8 pence and the 24 shillings over plus is for allowance for his gathering rate the year 1711 and to be accounted with them in making up their accounts at the years end.

The treasuers due is £138 0s 0d.

November 5th 1711 — At a legal town meeting of the inhabitants Ensign Samuel Kimball Chosen Moderator for the present meeting.

Voted — that there shall be a town rate made ammounting to the sum of eighty and five pounds to pay the towns debts and engagements and to pay the county rate and ministers salary.

Upon the complaint of Samuel Fisk, Senr made to the town that he said Fisk is damnified for not having reasonable satisfaction made him for the ways goeing over his land by the town has voted to leave it to the Selectmen or three indiferent men the said Fisk has chosen Capt Jonathan Putman Deacon Benjamin Putman of Salem and John Gilbert of Ipswich to end the difference in case the Selectmen can't agree with him, the town voted their concurance. Allso voted that the Selectmen are empowered to do and agree about that the |matter may require in the towns behalf| in the said case of said Fisk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham November 12th 1711 then agreed with Samuel Fisk Senr to allow him for satisfaction for a highway that was laid out over his land in October the 31st 1704 the just sum of nine pounds together with what said Fisk has received in land allready be the land more or less it is to be allowed at four pounds ten shillings per acre the rest to be paid him in money or land, the said Fisk having the liberty to remove the above said highway so that it be more convenient for the inhabitants of the town, So as to make the way more straight if he please.

At the meeting above said of the Selectmen, they lay'd out a highway over the land of Samuel Fisk Senr one pole wide and thirty two poles in length. or there abouts for John Porter Junr and his successors to pass from time to time and at all times as ocasion shall serve to come to the highway that is allready laid out that leadeth into town, the said way begins at said Porters land where there is a pair of bars near said Porters land leading into said Fisks land and so along to the highway that leadeth into the town and is staked one pole wide by the edge of the hill and so along eastwardly of several old stumps and one pole eastwardly of a white oak tree standing in William Fairfields land by the edge of the highway that leadeth into town and have agreed to allow said Samuel Fisk for satisfaction for said ways the sum of forty shillings as

witness our hands (each party) on the day above said,
Samuel Fisk

Selectmen { his Samual 7 Kemball mark
John Gott, William Rogers

Boston Sept. 19th 1712

Received of Mr. Jos. Dodge Constable of Wenham, two pounds, eighteen shillings and five pence in full received for my father Mr. James Taylor Treasurer
per William Taylor.

|The above receipt is a truly Entered Copy of the original Attest William Rogers T. Clerk|

November 22nd 1711 — A Town rate was made in two distinct lists Viz — To Constable Samuel Kemball a list amounting to the sum of £48.07s.1d to be paid into the town treasurer and 7 cords and two foot of wood to be paid into Mr. Joseph Gerrish according to the towns engagements and allso a list is committed to Constable Joseph Dodge ammounting to the sum of £37.17s.5d whereof said Dodge is to pay into Mr. John Appleton our county treasuer the sum of five pounds three shillings and four pence by Jan. first next and to our town treasuer the sum of £32.14s.1d at or before the last day of January next ensueing the date hereof and twelve cord and six feet of wood to be paid into Mr. Joseph Gerrish at or before the last day of March next coming. Each Constable having a warrant annexed to each of their lists divedsteth to each Constable as the law directs respectively to collect and pay in the sum and sums. Viz. into the County treasurer his sum above mentioned and to the town treasurer the respective sum above mentioned at or before the last day of January insueing the date hereoff to be for the towns use.

There is six shillings added to Constable Samuel Kemballs list since the warrant was granted.

February 22nd 1710/11

Received of Mr. William Rogers town treasurer for Wenham on acpt. of my salary due as per order on the other side for the year 1710 the sum of twenty seven pounds

eight shillings three pence, I say received by me
Joseph Gerrish
A true entry of the original receipt Attest, William Rogers Town Clerk.

March 5th 1711, Received of Mr. William Rogers town treasurer for Wenham on account of my salary due from said town for the year 1710 the sum of five pounds two shillings money I say received by me. Joseph Gerrish
The above is a true entry of the original Recpt.
William Rogers, Town Clerk.

Boston September 16th 1710.
Received of Mr. Nathaniel Brown Constable of Wenham, three pounds twelve shillings and ten pence. Received for Mr. James Taylor treasurer pr John Wheelright.
|A copy of the original receipt truly| recorded
William Rogers, Town Clerk.

At a general town meeting, March 6th 1711.
Voted — that Mr. Daniel Dodge is to have the pew or parcel of land that lays between longham and William Dodges land and said Daniel Dodge have for the term of one year next coming which is in consideration of said Daniel Dodge paying to the town the sum of twenty shillings money |at or before the first day of March next coming after the date hereof|

December 5th 1710, proposals between Daniel Dodge, Goodman Waldron and the Selectmen about the bridge that said Waldron shall make, that the abutment of the bridge next his own land so far into the channel of the river as to meet with the other abutment, within thirty foot, — — and to do all the wood work of the bridge to the other abutment and to do it so as to answer the law for the neighborhood to pass and to allow a highway from the river to the open highway to be a highway of three poles wide open to the river and to let the town have a way for David Maxey a highway to come to the new road and to have all that any persons will give him towards said bridge and to close up and to have the old way not before disposed of betwixt his own lands from thence to the old bridge and up between said David Maxey

and his own land and the timber of the old bridge and rocks of his own side, and that all is to be performed by the latter end of next September and in confirmation of all above written we have to our hands the day above said

Nathaniel Waldron
William Fairfield
John Gott
Benjamin Edwards
} Selectmen

The above agreement is truly entered being the proposals as above left on file in the town book Attest. William Rogers Town Clerk.

At a general Town Meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham duely warned and convened this 4th day of March 1711/12 Deacon William Fisk chosen moderator for this meeting. Left. John Porter Josiah Dodge, John Gott, Caleb Kemball William Rogers are chosen Selectmen for the year ensueing.

John Gott refuseing to serve as Selectmen Ensign Samuel Kemball chosen selectmen in his room. Nathaniel Waldron chosen Constable for the east end of our town. John Friend chosen Constable for the west end of our town for the year ensueing. Joseph Herrick chosen town treasurer for the year ensueing. William Rogers chosen Town Clerk.

Rice Knowlton chosen surveyor of highways for the west end of our town for the year ensueing. Benjamin Fisk, Nathaniel Brown, Thomas White are chosen fence viewers for the year ensueing.

Sergent John Parkins, John Moulton, Samuel Kilham Theophelus Rix are chosen tithing men for the year ensueing.

Voted that the town shall choose a committee to divide the land of Freeborn Balch and the circumstances conserving a highway to said Balches land in our town and make a report to the town at their next meeting.

Upon the request of Nathaniel Waldron being chosen Constable, the town voted another Constable shall be chosen in his room, Richard Kimball chosen Constable in Nathaniel Waldrons room, for the year ensueing holding for the east end of our town.

Voted Thomas Kemball Samuel Kilham Joseph Batchelder are chosen a committee to view the condition of F. Balch of Beverly his land about a highway to it and make

a report to the town the next meeting conserning the circumstances of it.

Voted the town treasurer is to make sale of the towns gates.

John Friend and Richard Friend Sworn to the office of Constable.

Sergent John Perkins, John Moulton, Samuel Kimball, Theophelus Rix, Sworn to the office of tithing men.

Nathaniel Brown Thomas White sworn to the office of fence viewers.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 11th 1712 Agreed with William Rogers to keep school in the town of Wenham for the year ensueing untill the first of March next coming and keep the meeting house and ring the bell and to have fifty shillings for his pains.

John Porter
Samuel 7 Kemball } Selectmen
his mark
Caleb Kimball

Boston Sept. 12th 1707 Received of Mr. William Rogers, Constable of Wenham eight pounds nineteen shillings in full Received for Mr. James Taylor Treasurer.

The above is a true copy of the original Recpt.

Jeremiah Allen
William Rogers
T. Clk.

To whom it may concern these may certify that I have received Satisfaction of Mr. Benjamin Fisk as Constable for the rate commited to him to collect for me due for the year 1708, I say received by me Joseph Gerrish

June 22nd 1710

|The above is a true copy of the original receipt,|
Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk

March 18th 1708, I acknowledge I have received of Mr. William Rogers Constable, for the year 1706 in full as in his ward 32 pounds, I say received by me.

|A true copy of the original Receipt|
Attest William Rogers, T. Clerk Joseph Gerrish

|1712 the Selectmen have taken the oath of the Assessors.|

May 5th 1712 At a legall town meeting Capt. Thomas Fisk Chosen Moderator For the meeting. Deacon William Fisk Chosen Representative so declared by the moderator and ordered to be entred by the Selectmen (a second trial for a vote was made) The Selectmen accounting him not legally chosen there being several false votes and declare to the town they cant fill up the precept he not legally being chosen, Whereupon another meeting is warned and ordered to be held on the 7th Instant May to choose representative and do other business.

May 7th 1712 At a town meeting duely warned of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham to make choice of a representative to send to Boston to the Great and General Court and to do any other town business.

Voted to choose Moderator by written ballot Sergt John Gott chosen Moderator for this meeting by writing according to town vote to choose by writing. Lieut John Porter chosen Representative to represent our town at the great and Generall Court at Boston.

Allso Voted to rent out all the common land that is between the new bridge that is over the river that runneth out of the great pond to Longham bridge by Mr. Daniel Dodges house. and all the land that layeth between William Dodges land and the land that is allready laid out to particular persons and all that parcel of land that Mr. Daniel Dodge hiered of the town the last year past. Allways reserving the highways for liberty of passing as occasion shall serve for said town

Voted that Ensign Samuel Kimball Sergt John Gott and Coperall Joseph Herrick are to be a committee appointed to lease out the above mentioned parcel of common land to some person who shall appear to hire it untill the first day of March next coming after the date hereof and order the rent to be paid to the town treasurer for the towns use. whatsoever sums it may be leased for that every one may have his right share and proportion to whom it's due

Allso Voted that the above named committee Ensign Samuel Kimball Sargt John Gott & Corpll Joseph Herrick are empowered to lay out the acres that are not yet layed out to whom of right it is due, and have not had their parts as by grant of said town, and allso laid out an acre to Mrs. Ruth White widow as it is granted by said town.

Allso Voted that David Maxeys shall have all that slip of land that layeth between Nathaniel Waldrons land and

Josiah Dodges land bought of the town and Joshua Wallis's land leaving an open highway three poles wide, next to Josiah Dodge's land to be an open highway for the use of said town and leave good and sufficient room for said Wallis to come to the highway at the northerly end of said Wallis's land as the town shall see meet to have left, for convenience for him and those that shall succeed him in that living.

November 5th 1712 At a town meeting duely warned of the inhabitants of Wenham Ensign Samuel Kimball chosen Moderator, voted to raise seventy two pounds to pay the towns engagments and defray the towns charges ariseing in the same It being put to the vote of the town to know their minds wether the town treasurer shall sue Mr. Thomas Patch for rent of land that said Patch hath entered upon rent with said town and it was voted |on the affirmative|

November 25th 1712 — At a meeting of the Selectmen, It was ordered that Mrs. Emery be warned out of town She being at the house of Walter Fairfield and that she depart with her goods and leave said town and that she depart within fourteen days after notice given her, and a warrant is granted to Richard Kemball Constable bearing date the 25th as above.

And the person being not warned out of town a warrant |was given to Constable John Friend in the month above said.|

At a meeting of the Selectmen April 3rd 1712. For the Wenham line, Mr. Daniel Andrews John Maul John Chapman, Josiah Batchelder them or the major part of them are appointed to meet with such persons as Wenham shall appoint at the house of Mr. Daniel Andrews at nine of the clock in the forenoon to perambulate and renew bounds between said towns on thursday 17th April 1712. Salem April 3rd 1812.

Attest, Walter Price, Town Clerk.

A true copy of the original Attest William Rogers Town Clerk.

We whose names are underwritten Viz. Daniel Andrews, John Chapman, John Maul, appointed by the Selectmen of the town of Salem and Joseph Herrick Theophelus Rix, John Berry and Richard Leach by the appointment of the Selectmen of the town of Wenham being met together this

7th day of April 1712 to perambulate and renew bounds between said towns of Salem and Wenham have renewed the bounds as followeth, begining at a white oak tree marked with T. S. & W. with a heap of stones about it which tree stands near the northerly end of Wenham Causway and from thence to a heap of stones at the easterly end of said Causway aforesaid and so to a black oak marked S. W. being Daniel Andrews corner bounds and so to a white oak tree marked being formally called the southerly corner of John Leaches farm which we renewed by laying stones about it and renewing the old marks as we allso did in the bounds aforesaid and from there to another white oak marked S. W. standing near the head of the line between Wenham and Beverly and have renewed all of the aforementioned bounds by throwing stones in witness whereof we have interchangably set to our hands the day and year above written

Joseph Herrick, Theophelus Rix, John Berry, Richard Leach } Wenham — Daniel Andrews, John Chapman, John Maul } Salem

|The above mentioned renewal of bounds truly entered, William Rogers, Town Clerk|

We whose names are under written being appointed by the selectmen of Ipswich and Wenham to perambulate the line between Ipswich and Wenham accordingly met at Mr. Fairfields pasture and marked trees and renewed bounds untill we come to Dodges stump as witness our hands.

William Rogers, Nathaniel Brown, Samuel Kemball } For Wenham

Daniel Ring, Mathew Whipple, Nathaniel Goodhue } For Ipswich

May 12th 1712

This is to certify whom it may concern that the Selectmen of Beverly at their meeting May 2nd 1712 have appointed, desired and empowered Quarter master Nathaniel Raymond Mr. Stephen Herrick, Mr. Andrew Dodge Mr. Daniel Larcom and Mr. Samuel Corning Junr or any three of them to perambulate the lines and renew the bounds between Wenham and Beverly with such gentlemen as the

Selectmen of Wenham shall or have appointed for that trust and so met with them at the house of Mr. Caleb Kemball in said Wenham on the fifteenth day of this instant may at nine of the clock in the morning.

Beverly May 2nd 1712 Attest Robert Woodbury Town Clerk.

|This is a true copy of the original| William Rogers, Town Clerk.

We whose names are underwritten being appointed by the selectmen of Beverly and Wenham have accordingly met on this 15th of May Instant to perambulate and renew bounds between our respective Towns and we began at the white oak in Mr. Nathaniel Raymonds Pasture marked W. & B. with a heap of Stones about it and from thence to a white oak at Alfords hill marked W. B. with a heap of stones about it and from them to a stake and heap of stones about it by the easterly side of racoon marsh and from thence to a white oak marked W. & B. upon gravelly ridge and thence by Capt. Wests bounds to a white oak stump with a heap of stones about it marked W. & B. all with a marking Iron having reference to the last perambulation between the two towns as appeareth on record and have mutually agreed to all bounds therin mentioned in said record as witness our hands.

Caleb Kimball
Josiah Dodge
William Rogers
} For Wenham

Nathaniel Raymond
Andrew Dodge
Samuel Corning
} For Beverly

Attest William Rogers, Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Topsfield they have appointed and chosen Thomas Town and Elisha Perkins to perambulate the bounds between Wenham and Topsfield with such gentlemen as Wenham has chosen for said service and to meet on the 14th instant at seven Oclock in the morning dated May 7th 1712. Elisha Perkins in the name and by the order of the Selectmen of Topsfield.

We whose names are underwritten being appointed by the Selectmen of Topsfield to renew the bounds between

Wenham and Topsfield have owned and renewed the said bounds this 14th day of May 1712

Elisha Perkins, Thomas Towns.

The above is a truly entered copy of the original.

Attest William Rogers T.. Clerk.

June 13th 1709. Then received of Constable Thomas White three pounds, two shillings and three pence the which sum is part of a town rate that he was to gather and pay into the Town treasurer, I say received by me,

Nathaniel Waldron, Town Treasurer.

The above is a true copy of the original receipt

Attest William Rogers, T. Clerk.

February 27th 1711/12

We whose names are underwritten being a committee appointed by the Commoners in Wenham to divide and set out any one his share and proportion in any disagreeing eighth in our divisions of common land which is allready laid out and upon the request of Mr. Daniel Dodge in the right of William Knowlton by purchase and in the right of Samuel Fisk Junr and upon the request of Mr. Samuel Herrick of Beverly in the right of Benjamin Fisk and Jonathan Moulton in the sixth division of common land by purchase at the east end of Wenham

We have divided as followeth beginin next the fifth division the first lot is next the Creek line, it is five poles and four foot wide from a red oak the corner bounds of the sixth and fifth division unto a stake and heap of stones and upon the highway it is five poles wide 9 foot from a black oak stump between the fifth and sixth divisions to a stake and heap of stones by the Highway (The first lot is to Henry Haggitt)

The second lot upon the highway is six poles wide from the first lot to a stake and heap of stones and next to Manchester line is five poles and four foot wide from the second lot to a stake and heap of stones.

The third lot next Manchester line five poles four foot wide from the second lot to a stake and heap of stones. and upon the highway six poles wide from the second lot and heap of stones. (The 2 & third lot to Mr. Daniel Dodge above mentioned)

The fourth lot upon the highway is six poles wide from the bounds of the third lot to a stake and heap of stones the end next Manchester line is five poles and six foot wide from the third lot to a stake and heap of stones.

The 5th lot next Manchester line is five poles three foot wide from the bounds of the 4th lot to a little white oak. and upon the highway it is six poles wide from the bounds of the fourth lot to a stake and heap of stones (The 5th lot is to Daniel Fisk in the right of his father)

The 6th lot upon the highway is five poles and ½ wide from the fifth lot to a maple stump in the brook and next Manchester line it is five poles and ½ pole wide from the white oak the bounds of the fifth lot to a Red oak tree.

The seventh lot next the Manchester bounds is five poles and one half pole wide from the bounds of the sixth lot to a little white oak stub with stones about it and upon the highway it is five poles and one half pole wide from said maple stump to a little pine marked.

The eighth lot upon the highway is five poles and one half pole wide to an old stump the bounds of the sixth and seventh divisions and next Manchester line it is five poles and about one half pole wide from the bounds of the seventh lot to a double Maple the bounds of the sixth and seventh divisions the lots are to run to Manchester line. (the 6th Lot is to John Dodges heirs)

William Rogers
Joseph Batchelder } Committee
John Batchelder

Know all men by these presents that Nathaniel Waldron and David Maxsell both of Wenham in the County of Esex in the province of Massachusetts bay in New England have made an exchange of some land Viz: the said Waldron is to have and to hold to him and his heirs that parcel of land that is granted by the town to said Maxsell laying between said Waldrons and a highway by Josiah Dodges land and in consideration the said Maxsell is to have and to hold to him and his heirs a certain parcel of land laying between Joshua Wallis's land and said Maxsells now within said Maxsells fence and in confirmation of what is above written the said Nathaniel Waldron and David Maxsell have set to

their hands and seals on this 13th day of May Anno Domoni 1712 signed and sealed in the presence of us

Witness } John Dennis
} William Rogers

Nathaniel Waldron. Seal
Daniel Maxsell Seal

The above is a true copy of the original Instrument compared.

Attest William Rogers, Town Clerk

This may Certify whom it may concern that I John Perkins of Wenham, in the County of Essex yeoman, have given and absolutely bequeathed the acre of Swamp land that of right belongs to me from said town by a vote passed on January the first 1692 as in folio 4th unto my son in law William Rogers to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever and by the towns laying said Acre to said Rogers, I do hereby aquit the said town concerning the same |as witness my hand on this 3rd day of December 1712|

John Perkins

Pursuant to a town vote March 21st 1709/10 laid out to Aron Jones an Acre of land near Mr. Dodges near Grape Vine Bridge about sixteen poles by the road going to the rowe. 10 poles by the swamp northwardly and westwardly by the common land 11 poles, Southerly by Ruth Dodges fence, 14 poles or thereabouts We the Subscribers hereof being chosen a committee to lay out as above said

Josiah Dodge } Committee
William Rogers }

The above is a copy of the original

William Rogers, Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham November 25th 1712

Upon complaint of Daniel Maxey of said town for want of a highway to come into the new highway to come into town The said Selectmen finding that Nathaniel Waldren of said Wenham is obliged to find a highway as it stands entered in Wenham Town book bearing date December the 5th 1710 folio 51 but the way not being staked out where it shall be in order thereunto we begun at said Maxey land at a pair of bars at a stake and heap of stones and so over

the land of said Waldrons, the said highway runing Northeastwardly from said Stake and heap of Stones about 15 poles to a stake by a fast rock in the ground and so up along by the edge of the hill about 8 poles to another stake by a fast rock in the ground and so along about 16 poles to a stake by the end of said Waldrons Stone wall as is by the new highway that leadeth into town, which highway is layed and staked out eighteen foot wide. South Eastwardly of all the above mentioned bounds which highway is laid out for said Daniel Maxey and those that shall succeed him. in that living he now liveth in. on to come to the new highway to pass through gates or bars at time and all times as ocasion shall serve to pass back and forth with cart or sled and as ocasion may be at all times forever. and the said Maxey is to have liberty to mend said highway to make it conveinent to pass the land being hilly and uneven and said Maxey doth for himself and successors discharge the said town of and from any further charge whatsoever about mending said ways, as witness his hand for ever.

Daniel Maxey

his
Samuel 7 Kimball
mark
Josiah Dodge
John Porter
William Rogers
Caleb Kemball
Selectmen of Wenham

Wenham December 3rd 1712.

At a meeting of the committee appointed to lay out Acres unto those of right to whom belongs an acre and have not yet had it.

We have layed out one acre unto Mrs. Ruth White widow as her due by a grant bearing date February 7th 1686 and it is laid out at the lower end of the swamp that is between Josiah Dodges land and Phineas Dodges land westwardly bounding 8 poles wide upon Josiah Dodges land and north eastwardly upon Joshua Wallis and Samuel Kilhams fence Eastwardly upon Phineas Dodges land 8 poles to a stake and heap of stones and then turning Westwardly straight over to a stake and heap of stones 8 poles southward of said Wallis and Kilhams fence.

Allso layed out unto Josiah Dodge in the right of Henry Haggitt and unto William Rogers in the right of Serg^{t} John Perkins and in his own right bounded as followeth.

Westwardly upon said Josiah Dodges land sixteen poles wide from the stake and heap of stones Mrs. Whites bounds to a stake and heap of stones 19 foot southwardly or thereabout of a great fast rock. Northwardly it bounds upon said Whites acre lot. Eastwardly it bounds sixteen poles wide upon Phineas Dodges land from the Stake and stone. Mrs. Whites bounds to a stake and heap of stones by said Phineas Dodges fence so turning to the stake by the fast rock within about 19 feet. Which parcel of land as it is butted and bounded that is between said Josiah and Phineas Dodges land be it more or less the said Josiah Dodge and William Rogers doeth receive in full for their acres respectfully as above mentioned.

his
Samuel 7 Kemball
mark
John Gott
Joseph Herrick
} Committe

At a meeting of the committee December 8th 1712 who are appointed by the town to lay out Acres to whom it of right is due We have laid out unto Lieu^{t} John Porter in the right of Tobias Trow and unto Thomas White in his own right bounded as followeth, Westwardly bounded upon Josiah Dodges land eight poles wide and northwardly upon the acre lots laid out unto Josiah Dodge and William Rogers and eastwardly upon Phineas Dodges land eight poles wide Southwardly bounding upon the common land it being in the swamp called Claflins Swamp which parcel of land as above bounded, which land the said John Porter and Thomas White do receive in full for their acres as above mentioned.

his
Samuel 7 Kemball
mark
John Gott
Joseph Herrick
} Committee

Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Batchelder of Wenham in the county of Essex husbandman for and in

considerasion of the sum of twenty shillings in hand paid me by Samuel Fisk Senr of Wenham abovesaid, Taylor, before the signing hereof, have given granted Sold allen-iated engrossed and confirmed and do by these presents give, grant, bargain, sell, alleinate and convey and make over unto Samuel Fisk above said a certain parcel of swamp land Situated layeing and being within the bounds of Wenham above said it being the fourth part of a division of land layed out unto Thomas Kemball, Ephraim Kemball and Caleb Kemball and unto the said Joseph Batchelder as it stands entered in this book folio 5th bearing date January 5th 1698 to have and to hold the above mentioned fourth part of the said division to him the said S. Fisk his heirs and assigns forever together with all priveledges belonging thereunto and in confirmation of what is above written, I have hereunto set my hand on this 27th day of January in the year of our lord 1712/13

Joseph Batchelder

As Attest William Rogers, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham September the 5th 1712.

An order to lay out a highway from the Country road unto Freeborn Balch of Beverly his land that layeth in Wenham upon the request of said Balch and we have begun at the northwest corner of Mr. Hulls land at the Country road runing eastwardly over the land of said Hulls along by the divisional fence between John Edwards and said Hulls land untill it cometh up the hill then turning a little southerly leaving the fence so on to Mr. John Porters land the northwestwardly corner and so along by the divisional fence that is between said Porter and Edwards over the end of said Porter till it cometh to said Balches land all which highway is stated 20 foot wide southward of said fence and twenty foot wide where it leaves the fence going up the hill which highway is for said Balch and those that shall succeed him in that living or parcell of land the way leadeth to pass, with cart or sled or as ocasion Shall serve from time to time and at all times forever allways provided the said Balch do make due recompence and satisfaction for said way unto the propritors of the land the said highway is layed out on or over and so that he discharge the town of Wenham from any further care, cost or charge about

said way in what nature so ever he having the liberty of ending of said way as occasion may be to make it convenient he passing through gates or bars.

his
Samuel 7 Kemball
mark
Caleb Kimball
Josiah Dodge
William Rogers
} Selectmen

August 29th 1712. At a meeting of the selectmen a province tax was made in two distincts lists viz. A list to Constable John Friend committed as above amounting to the sum of eighty and one pounds two shillings and five pence £81.02s.05d whereof he is to pay eighty pounds to the country treasuer his due and the twenty two shillings and five pence is for allowenc for his gathering the same. Ebenezer Tarbox's head was added after to the list. Committed to Constable Richard Kimball a list ammounting to sixty five pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence, £65.19s.5d whereof he is to pay fifty eight pounds into the country treasuer his due and unto the County treasuer the sum of two pounds Eleven Shillings and seven pence £2.11s.7d and unto our town treasuer four pounds for the paying of our representative £4. 00s.00d the twenty eight shillings remaining unpaid is allowed to him for gathering, he allowing twelve pence upon the pound to all in gathering of the over pluss as well as for the country. |Ebenezer Symonds and Button Goldsmith heads were added to the list.|

November 25th 1712.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham, a town rate or tax on poles and estates in Wenham was made in two Lists, Viz. one committed unto John Friend Constable amounting to the Sum of forty one pound seven shillings and ten pence to be paid unto our town treasuer at or before the last day of January next after the date hereof and sixteen cords and 7 feet of wood to be paid to Rev. Mr. Gerrish at or before March the last day next after the date hereoff and a list unto Constable Richard Kemball amounting unto the sum of thirty three pounds six shillings and eleven pence £33.06s.11d to be paid in unto the above said treasuer at the time above expressed and 13 cords and 5 foot of wood to be paid in as above expressed unto Mr. Ger-

rish for time March the last, and a warrant is anexed to each list committed unto each Constable the whole is £74.14^{s}.8^{d}.

August 27th 1712. At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham, Mr. Walter Fairfield being present at said meeting the said Fairfield being examined for his pr. entry of a false list unto the assessors this year 1712. for that he hath left out his pole, one negro servant, one cow, one swine, and hath not given in the full account of his lands in his bill the matter being heard and considered and by confession from his own mouth of sum of the particulars above mentioned the said Selectmens judgment is, that the said Walter Fairfield pay a fine of twenty shillings according to the directions of the law in this case made and provided for his falsness in his bill in not giving a true and perfect list as the law directs, and the fine to be for the use of the town as the law directs.

September 19th 1712. At a meeting of the selectmen of Wenham they ordered the town Clerk to direct a warrant to Constable Kemball to collect and gather of Mr. Walter Fairfield a fine of twenty shillings for his falsness in his bill presented this year 1712 and a warrant is committed unto Constable Richard Kemball bearing even date herewith to be paid in unto our town treasuer at or before the last day of |November 1712 for the use as the law directs in such cases.|

September 22th 1712. At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham, Mr. Nathaniel Waldron of Wenham Bricklayer being then present before the Selectmen he was examined for that he had presented a false list in this year 1712 for that he had left out his poll and one horse kind some swine and left out his trade which he gains considerable by and that he left out of his bill about 30 acres of land by an account from his own mouth rateable lands therefore by confession from said Waldrons own mouth the judgment of the Assessors is that the said Waldron hath presented a false list in several of the above particulars and that he pay a fine of twenty shillings as the law directs in this case made and provided for that as the law directs for his falsness in his bill in |not giving in a true and perfect list as the law directs.|

October 7th 1712. At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham the Selectmen ordered a warrant to be drawn and sent to Constable Richard Kemball to collect and gather of Mr. Nathaniel Waldron twenty shillings fine for his falsness presented in his bill in 1712 and to be paid in unto our town treasurer for the use as the law directs to be paid at or before the sixth of January 1712/13 and accordingly it is done by their order.

November 21st 1712. At a meeting of the Selectmen John Edwards Senr then being present he being questioned consering his giving in a false list this year 1712 he being convicted by legal proof in the judgment of the Selectmen and they laid a fine of twenty shillings for the use as the law directs the said Edwards gave the Selectmen to understand he would come on the 25th day of said month he then would bring his fine he accordingly come at a meeting of the selectmen on said 25 day and pleaded for a longer time and he would Submit to what they ordered him, they ordered him to pay it into one of the selectmen by this day fortnight and if he did not the town Clerk was ordered to draw a warrant to Constable Richard Kemball to gather the said fine and upon his neglect to pay a warrant was committed to said Constable to collect and pay in said fine into our town treasuer at or before the 6th day of January 1712/13.

Received of Richard Kemball Constable of Wenham the sum of fifty one shillings and seven pence for the County rate it being in full for said town. Ipswich January 28th 1712 John Appleton Treasurer

The above is a true coppy of the original receipt. Attest William Rogers, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen April 4th 1713 Landlord Joseph Dodge is appointed to keep the pound the year ensueing, and untill another is appointed.

Boston October 16th 1713

Received of Mr. Richard Kemball Constable of Wenham sixteen pound ten shillings in full pr. Mr. Joseph Herrick for my father Mr. James Taylor Treasuer £16 10s pr. William Taylor.

The above is a true coppy of the original receipt, Attest William Rogers, T. Clerk.

At a legal town meeting on March 3rd 1713 legally warned of the inhabitants of Wenham to choose town officers Deacon William Fisk chosen Moderator for this meeting Lieut John Porter Ensign Samuel Kimball Josiah Dodge, Caleb Kemball and William Rogers are chosen selectmen for the year ensueing.

William Rogers Chosen town Clerk for the year ensueing and Sworn by the Selectmen the day above said.

Joseph Herrick chosen treasurer for our town and sworn. Nathaniel Gott chosen Constable for the year ensueing for the west end and sworn. Ebenezer Batchelder chosen Constable for the east end in our town and sworn. Thomas Tarbox chosen Surveyor for the west end of our town. Nathaniel Brown Chosen Surveyor of highways for the east end of our town and sworn in the presence of the Selectmen the same day above said

Stephen Patch, Samuel Porter, Sargt John Gott Surveyors of fence for the year ensueing and sworn.

Thomas Edwards Joseph Batchelder John Batchelder Chosen tithing men for the year ensueing. Mr. Walter Fairfield Chosen Sealer of Weights and measurer. Thomas Edwards and Joseph Batchelder have taken the oath of tithing men.

Capt. Thomas Fisk, Mr. Thomas Patch Deacon William Fisk, Mr. Walter Fairfield Sargt John Gott. are chosen a committee to treat with Ipswich Hamblet gentlemen about their proposals of disposing of right whole right in our meeting house and to make report to the town concerning the same.

Voted: to have a town meeting on this day seven night on the 10 Instant March at ten or eleven of the clock in the forenoon to do what business the town has not time to do this day.

Joseph Herrick, Nathaniel Gott, Ebenezer Batchelder, John Gott, Stephen Patch, Samuel Porter, Thomas Edwards & Joseph Batchelder appeared before the Selectmen on the days above said and are sworn to the respective offices for which they was chosen.

August 20th 1713. Lieut. John Porter, Ensign Samuel Kemble, and Josiah Dodge three of the present board of Selectmen |approved| and have taken the oaths of assessors for the proportioning of the County tax in our town.

March 10th 1713. At a legal meeting by a vote passed on the 3rd March Instant at a general town meeting Deacon William Fisk chosen moderator for the meeting.

Voted. to choose a committee to go and view Claflins land and make a report to the town wether Mr. Waldrons land have reason to complain or no, which is near Josiah Dodges.

Ephraim Kemball Sargt John Gott and Joseph Herrick are chosen a committee to make a report to the town.

Voted to abate twenty shillings out of the rent that Samuel Fisk Senr and Benjamin Fisk hath given bond to pay for rent of land in the year 1712 to the town thirteen shillings whereof is for William Knowlton's horse and Aron Jones Cow goeing on the common.

Voted. that the committe that was empowered to sell the land (common) at Wenham Island to Zacheus Perkins that they give him the offer of it and if neglect or refuse they are empowered to sell in the towns name the said land to any other person that shall appear to buy it (1713 the money is recovered in full for said land by said committee.)

Voted to choose a committee to call all the treasuers to account that have been chosen heretofore, examine into the matter, Deacon James Friend, Deacon William Fisk and Nathaniel Brown are chosen for a committee for said Service.

Voted to rent out all our common land (undivided land).

Voted to rent said Common land for ten years. The question being put to the town wether they would be willing the diference between the Selectmen and the complainents conserning the complaints that are against the Selectmen depending now at March Court should be made up among themselves |and voted on the affirmative.|

March 30th 1713. At a meeting of the Selectmen then agreed with William Rogers to keep school in our town, to teach the youth to read and write and to keep the meeting house and ring the bell and we do allow him fifty and five shillings

his
Samuel 7 Kemball
mark
John Porter
Josiah Dodge
Caleb Kemball
} Selectmen

May 6th 1713. At a town meeting duely Warned for the choosing of a Representative to go to the great and General Court at Boston, the town agreed in having Deacon William Fisk chosen representative to serve at |the great and generall court at Boston the year ensueing.|

Pursuant to the province treasuer warrant At a meeting of the Selectmen August the 20th 1713 A list or tax on poles and Estates was made in Wenham, for the paying of the province tax and is committed to the Constables of Wenham a list bearing date August 20th 1713.

Committed unto Constable Nathaniel Gott whereof he is to make payment unto the province treasuer the sum of seventy three pounds, Eight shillings £73 08s 00d. And in the same list he is to make payment unto the County treasuer the sum of fifty one shillings and seven pence at or before the first of January next coming after the date hereof our proportion of a County rate £2 11s 7d and a list made on poles and estates in said town bearing even date herewith and is committed unto Constable Ebenezer Batchelder to collect whereof he is to make whereof he is to make payment unto the province treasuer the sum of sixty four pounds twelve shillings there being twenty four shillings over pluss in said list is allowed for his gathering rates this year 1713 £1 4s 0d And in Constable Gotts List eleven |Shillings overplus which is allowed him for collecting.|
£0 11s 0d.

At a meeting of the Selectmen October the 26th 1713 the Selectmen gave orders to the town Clerk to draw a warrant to the Constable to warn William Cross and Elizabeth Evans out of town. that they leave the town and go to were they come from and that the persons do not detain him nor her.

October 26th 1713. At a meeting of the selectmen they gave order for a town meeting to be warned on the fourth day of November next coming after the date hereof to consider what sum of money to be raised to defray the towns debts |and necessary charges arising in the town and to do any other town buisness.|

A warrant was drawn Oct. 27th 1713 directed to Constable Ebenezer Batchelder to warn William Cross and Elizabeth Evans out of town and to depart in fourteen days and allso to warn the persons that do entertain her or him he

being at Nathaniel Fairfields and she being at John Edwards Senr. the warrant bearing date October 27th 1713 (The persons are warned to go out of town and return made by the constable.)

Received of Mr. Joseph Herrick treasuer for the town of Wenham on account of my Salary due to me from said town for the year 1712 in receipts and bills of Credit the sum of sixty pounds 20th of August 1713, |I say received by me Joseph Gerrish|. the above is a true coppy of the original receipt.

Attest William Rogers, town clerk.

October the 28th 1713.

Received of Ann Kemball, administrator to her husbands estate the sum of forty shillings which is in full of all the sum and sums of money that Richard Kemball Constable desceased was ordered by warrant to pay into the town treasuer for Wenham I say received by me Joseph Herrick Town T. |The above is a true coppy of the original receipt.| Attest William Rogers Town Clerk.

Received of Mr. Nathaniel Gott Constable of Wenham fourteen pounds one shillings and sixpence in full for my master Jeremiah Allen Trea. |pr James Gooch Jun.| the above reipt is a coppy of the original Attest William Rogers T. C.

On November 22nd 1714 Received in full for my salary due from the town of Wenham for the year 1713 five pounds ten shillings from Mr. Joseph Herrick Treasuer for said town, I say received by me Joseph Gerrish. |The above is a true coppy of the original.| Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

At a legal Town meeting duly warned and convened together of the inhabitants of Wenham on this 4th day of November 1713 to consider and agree of what sum of money shall be raised to pay the said towns debts and charges arising in the same or any other buisness then to be done, Sergent John Gott Chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted, to add twenty pounds to the sixty pounds which is for the paying of Mr. Gerrishs sixty pounds Salary and for the paying of town charges arising in the same and towns engagements.

Voted. to choose a committee to call Mr. Thomas Patch to an account for the money that was committed unto his

hands in the year 1700. he said Patch being town treauer for that year the town not having an account of what is become of the money he then received in 1700.

Joseph Herrick and John Gott and William Fairfield are chosen a committee to call Mr. Thomas Patch to an account consering the money |in his hands not accounted for when he was town treasuer in the year 1700.|

At a meeting of the Selectmen November the 13th and 18th 1713 a list or tax was made on poles and estates belonging to our town for paying our towns engagements and to defray the charges arising in the same.

A list was commited to Nathaniel Gott bearing even date herewith with a warrant anexed thereto directing him to pay unto our town treasuer or whom shall be appointed to receive the same the sum of forty three pounds £43 3s 11d at on or before the first day of January next coming after the date hereof and said list there is each persons proportion of wood amounting to 17 cords which he is to pay into Mr. Joseph Gerrish at or before the first day of March next coming after the date hereof. And a list is committed unto Constable Ebenezer Batchelder to collect and pay in the sum of thirty seven pound three shilling and four pence £37 03s 4d to our town treasurer or to whom the selectmen shall appoint to receive the same by the date above said first of Jan. as in his warrant he is directed and 13 cords of wood to be paid into Mr. Gerrish mentioned in his warrant at or before the first of March next after |the date hereof| (|Said Batchelders Warrant bears even date herewith|)

December 16th 1713 At a meeting of the Selectmen then appointed,

Samuel Kilham
Thomas White
John Moulton
Nathaniel Brown
Nathaniel Gott

to be a committee to lay out a highway for Freeborn Balch of Beverly to come at his land or meadow in Wenham the said Balch not being |contented with the highway allready layed out.|

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham March 27th 1700 pursuant to a vote of our town refering to their agreement with Benjamin Edwards to keep and maintain the widow Hobbs her whole lifetime so as to discharge the town from any further care or charge about her the afforsaid

Benjamin Edwards does hereby bind and engage himself his heirs executors and administrators to the Selectmen in behalf of the town that he will take care of and maintain the widow Hobbs her whole lifetime so that the town shall be wholly freed from any further care or cost about her and in consideration hereof to accept of the towns payment of thirty pound money according to their vote.

At a town meeting March instant the 20th Viz. fifteen pounds within six months after the date hereof and fifteen pounds more within one year after that allways provided that in case the widow Hobbs shall die within one year from the first day of January last past then the town shall be acquited from the second fifteen pounds allso for the time said Edwards hath kept her is included in the agreement and in confirmation thereof the above said Benjamin Edwards have hereunto set his hand and seal on the day above said in presence of us,

Benjamin Edwards O his seal

Thomas Patch
John Newman

The above is a coppy of the original instrument and is in a bundle of papers on file. Attest William Rogers
Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents that I Benjamin Edwards of Wenham in the County of Essex in New England husbandman do for myself my heirs and executors and administrators fully and absolutely acquit and discharge the town of Wenham from all debts dues and demands in what nature soever of the thirty pounds which the said town did oblidge themselves to pay unto me for keeping the widow Hobbs as above mentioned agreement hath referred unto and in confirmation hereof the said Benjamin Edwards hath set to his hand and seal on this 4th day of December 1713.

Benjamin Edwards O signed and sealed in presence of us witness

John Gott
Joseph Herrick
William Rogers

Know all men by these presents, that I, Nathaniel Fairfield of Wenham in the County of Essex and province of Massachusetts bay in New England yoeman as principal and John Davidson in said County cordwainer as surety, do

acknowledge ourselves our heirs executors or administrators do owe and stand indebted to the town treasurer of Wenham the full sum of one hundred pounds currant money of New England to be paid upon demand the which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally or either of us or them firmly by these presents sealed with our seals this thirteenth day of June Anno Domino 1709.

The condision of this obligation is such that the above bound Nathaniel Fairfield as princepal or John Davidson as Surety or their heirs executors administrators as oblidged shall take care of and provide for Henery More and his wife during the time of their natural lives in all respects as the town are in law and duty oblidged to do as they are poor of said town and bury them when dead.. as human creatures should be, and in so doing the above obligation to be void and of none effect otherwise to stand and remain in full force strenth and virtue and in confirmation of what is above written we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above said signed and sealed in presence of us, William Fairfield, David Dodge,
Signed Nathaniel Fairfield, John Davidson O £ O S

We whose names are underwritten being a committee appointed by the town to agree with any person that should appear to undertake the towns Duty (upon them) in providing for Henry More and his wife and to engage to them in the towns behalf the sum of fifty pounds in money as on town record may appear.

Have and do hereby agree with Nathaniel Fairfield of Wenham to take the said More and his wife and provide for them as the poor of the town and taken security of him with surety in the towns behalf have and do hereby agree with said Fairfield according to the towns order to give him fifty pounds and to pay it in money as followeth,

Viz, five pounds within two months after the date hereof and twenty pounds more at or before the last day of December next coming and the other twenty five by the last day of December next come twelvemonth and the said Nathaniel to have the towns power to employ the said More and his wife in his service and to his own proper use and benefit and his heirs executors administrators in all respects as the town might and ought to do, but in case the said More or his wife should decease before the tenth day of next June then six pounds five shillings is to be abatted

and if both die by that time then as much more and in confirmation of what is above written in the towns behalf we have hereunto set our hands this thirteenth day of June 1709

his
Samuel 7 Kemball
mark
Benjamin Edwards
Joseph Herrick
} committee

The above is a true coppy. Attest.
Willliam Rogers, Town Clerk 1713

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham March 30th 1713 in order to lay out a highway over the land of Josiah Dodge begining at the ford blow the Corn mill of said Dodges so along as the way now goeth as the fence now standeth untill it comes to the end of the lane by said Dodges barn thence turning to Thomas Edwards land as the way now goeth one pole and ½ wide by the fence as it now standeth from said barn to said Edwards land all which highway is for the towns use as ocasion may be from time to time and at all times forever to pass through gates and said Dodge and his succesors to make and maintain said gates forever that shall be convenient for opening and Shutting for people passing through that the town be discharged conserning the same, and in considerasion and satisfaction for said highway and gate the said Selectmen have agreed to allow unto said Josiah Dodge and his successors two acres of land and about 15 poles adjoining to his said Dodges land formely Claflin land begining at a walnut tree said Dodges corner bounds to a fast flat rock in the ground by the highway side towards the east and so along to a stake and heap of stones by the causeway at a turn of the road and so to a stake and heap of stones by Phineas Dodges fence northerly bounding upon the lot laid out to Lieut John Porter and Thomas White which parcell of land is in full satisfaction of said highway and gates as written:

he, said Dodges hand set hereunto, the said parcel of land be it more or less as it is butted and bounded is to said Josiah Dodge and his successors forever.

Josiah Dodge

his
Samuel 7 Kemball
mark
Caleb Kemball
William Rogers
John Porter

} Selectmen

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham March the 30th 1713.

Whereas the town of Wenham did on March 16th 1707 vote that John Kilham should have his acre due to him upon the account of the towns grant adjoining to his own land and allso one acre more of Swamp adjoining to that on condition he make no further claim of commonage in our town having empowered the selectmen to lay out said land.

We the subscribers have on the day above said laid out said land 2 acres bounding as followeth,

begining at Andrew Dodges land the Northeasterly corner of his land by the swamp 9 poles to a stake and heap of stones standing in range of the divisional fence between Andrew Dodge and Samuel Kilhams land then turning northeasterly 36 poles to a stake and heap of stones near the bridge then turning 9 poles to Samuel Kilhams land the said two acres is laid out unto Samuel Kilham Senr to the above said John Kilham in his right by grant as above mentioned from said town.

The said Samuel Kilham acquiting and discharging the said town of and from any further claims of commenage in his own right or in his fathers John Kilham right to be had or made by himself or his heirs executors or any of his said farthers heirs or executors administrators or assignees in what nature soever. and doeth for himself and heirs and his said fathers heirs executors administrators covantant and provide to bar the said town endemnified of and from any further claims of common right only the right that he is now in posession of partly laid out and to lay out as witness his hand on the day above said.

Samuel his § mark Kilham

his
Samuel 7 Kemball
mark
Caleb Kemball
Josiah Dodge
William Rogers

} Selectmen

At a meeting of the Selectmen Dec. 16th 1713 Whereas Nathaniel Waldron did manifest that he was uneasy about the highway laid out over his ground for Daniel Maxey whereupon the Selectmen do agree with the said Waldron that the highway shall go as followeth

Begining at a pair of bars at said Maxeys own land runing northerly side of the hill by the edge of the hill eastwardly of the said Waldrons fence untill it comes to a great gully washed out of the hillside thence runing taking the best advantage to get up the hill crossing the old highway to the fence by an old cellar and so up by the fence to the new highway as the fence now standeth a conveinent breadth considering the dificulty of the land passing into the highway through a pair of bars or gate at time and at all times as ocasion shall serve where upon we do agree to make void and of none effect the highway laid out.

bearing date November 25th 1713

his
Samuel 7 Kemball
mark
Josiah Dodge
John Porter
Caleb Kemball
} Selectmen

Nathaniel Waldron on the other part

Know all men by these presents that I Daniel Claflin of Wenham in the County of Essex in the province of Massachusetts bay in New England, Taner, for and in consideration of the sum of thirty shillings money in hand paid by William Dodge of Wenham above said Husbandman, I have given granted and sold allienated enfeefed and conveyed and confirmed firmly by these presents a certain common right in the undivided lands that is within our town at the east end of our town which right the said Daniel Claflin purchased of John Seweritt of said town as may appear by a deed to have and to hold to him the said William Dodge his heirs executors administrators and assigns forever in fee Simple in all peices and parcells thereoff without any reservations or after claims to be had or made by me or any of mine to be free and clear in all respects whatsoever and in confirmation hereof I have set to my hand on

this 25th day of May in the year of our lord 1713
Daniel Claflin

Josiah Dodge
William Rogers } Witness

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham December 16th 1713,

Whereas Freeborn Balch of Beverly is dissatisfied with the highway the Selectmen of Wenham laid out, hath desired a highway to his land in Wenham to fetch his hay,

Whereas by a law the Selectmen are empowered to lay out particular highways by themselves or by a committee appointed by them by virtue of which law we do appoint Samuel Kilham Thomas White, John Moulton Nathaniel Brown Nathaniel Gott to be a committee to lay out a highway to said Freeborn Balches land or meadow in Wenham, You attending the directions in the law in this case made and provided whereby you are empowered to do this service. We desire you to do it as soon as may be and make return hereof. pr Order of the Selectmen.

William Rogers, Town Clerk

Pursuant here to the Selectmen of the town of Wenham having appointed us the subscribers to be a committee to lay out a highway for Freeborn Balch of Beverly to pass from the Country road to his land in Wenham We having met together this 28th day of December 1713 and upon the repuest of said Balch we have laid out a way begining at the North west Corner of Mrs. Hulls land at the country road and runing Easterly over the land of said Hulls along by the divisional fence between John Edwards and said Hulls untill it cometh up the hill then runing a little south easterly leaving the said fence so unto the Northwestwardly corner of John Porters land and so along upon said Porters land from the corner aforesaid upon a straight line to a pair of bars in said Balches stone wall which lead into said Balches land all which highway is stated 20 feet wide southward of said fence and twenty foot wide where it leaveth the fence all the way to said Balch his land which highway is for said Balch and those that shall succeed him in that living or parcell of land which the way leadeth to pass with cart or sled as occasion shall serve from time to time and at all times forever allways provided that said Balch do make due recompense and satisfaction for said

way unto the propritors of the land over which highway layeth so that he discharge the town of Wenham from any further care cost or trouble or charge in what nature soever said Balch having the liberty of mending said way as occasion may be to make it convenient and hath liberty of passing through gates or bars.

John Moulton
Samuel Kilham } Committee
Thomas White

The above is a coppy of the original and truly entered and compared

Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

December the 25th 1713

We whose names are underwritten being propritors together in the fourth division in the great swamp at the West end of our town have agreed and divided as followeth in the division on the west side of the highway in said Swamp begining on the north side of said division.

The first lot is upon the highway 3 poles 8 foot and one half foot wide and at the end next the meadow is 3 poles and one half pole and is to Samuel Fisk Senr.

The 2nd lot is 3 poles and 6 foot at the highway side and at the meadow the west end 3 poles and one half pole and is to William Fairfield.

The 3rd lot is at the highway 3 poles and 6 foot and at the meadow 3 poles and 7 foot wide and is to Jonathan Moulton.

The 4th lott at the highway is 3 poles and 6 foot wide and at the meadow 3 poles and 7 foot wide and is to Thomas Tarbox.

The 5th lot at the highway is 3 poles wide and 6 foot and at the meadow 3 poles and 7 foot and is to Thomas Tarbox.

The 6th lot at the highway is 3 poles and 6 foot wide and at the meadow 3 poles and 7 foot and is to Joseph Herrick.

The 7th lot is at the highway 3 poles and 8 foot wide and at the meadow 3 poles and one half pole and 3 foot and is to Benjamin Fisk.

The 8th lot is 3 poles and 9 foot at the highway and at the meadow 3 poles and one half and 3 foot and is to Mary Dodge widow.

The division on the east side of the highway is divided across in two divisions by a line from a small Hemlock tree marked Standing upon the west side of Poplar Island so called to a Hemlock marked standing upon the south side of Rocky Island so called the westerly end from said bounds

to the highway is the first lot and is to Jonathan Moulton begining on the North side of said division is four poles wide and 7 foot at the highway and the second lot is to William Fairfield 4 poles wide at the highway and 7 foot and the third lot is to Joseph Herrick 4 poles and 5 foot wide at the highway.

The 4th lot is to John Batchelder 4 poles and 5 foot at the highway.

The east end of said division is as followeth the first lot is begining at the north side of said division the end next to pleasant pond is 4 pole and 7 foot and is to Benjamin Fisk.

The 2nd Lott is at said end 4 poles and 7 foot wide and is to Samuel Fisk.

The third lot is at said end 4 poles one half wide and is to Thomas Tarbox.

The 4th lot is at the same end 4 poles and one half wide and is to Mary Dodge widow all which bounds are measuered and staked and bounded out. and in confirmation of all that is above written we have hereunto set our hands on the day above said. Jonathan Moulton

his mark Thomas + Tarbox

her mark Mary R Dodge

Joseph Herrick

William Fairfield

John Baker and Benjamin Fisk

The above is a coppy of the original and of the names signed Attest William Rogers
Town Clerk.

A list of all the propritors that built at Wenham with their sums.

A list that remain with you to repair said house

	£ s d
Nathaniel Brown	5..00..00
Daniel Kilham	4..00..00
Serjent Gibbord for his son Daniel	2.. 5..00
Samuel Lomas	0.. 6..00
John Knowlton	5..00..00
Capt Wards right	3..10..00
Mr Quarls	1..14..00
John Lamson	3..00..00
	25.. 5..00

15 June 1713 at a meeting of the inhabitants of Ipswich who where propritors to a third part of the meeting house at Wenham then voted and chose a committee to sell to the town above said the right of so many of them as were willing to sell in said house and to make conveyance of the same

Committee for the said Inhabitants } William Davidson, Samuel Polland, Mathew Whipple

A true coppy out of the Hamblets Book
Attest Mathew Whipple Clerk for said inhabitants.
A coppy of the original William Rogers Town Clerk.

A list of those that give up their rights to be disposed of by the committe chosen for that service

	£ s d
Richard Walker	3..00..00
Daniel Davidson	3..00..00
Gameil Dodge	6..00..00
Mathew Annable	1..00..00
John Gilford	2..05..00
Daniel Davidson Jun	1..09..06
Edmund Porter	2..15..06
John Polland	3..00..00
Samuel Knowlton	1..10..00
Samuel Polland	1..11..09
Abraham Tilton	4..00..00
David Thomson	1..10..00
Robert Conway	0..00..00
Mathew Whipple	3..00..00
Joseph Whipple	1..10..00
John Dane	2..14..00
Jonathan Hobbs	0..16..00
	39..11..09

At a meeting of the propritors of a third part of the meeting house at Wenham the 15th of March 1713/14 then a committe was chosen Viz Samuel Polland William Davidson Mathew Whipple To agree with Wenham for the disposal of our rights in said meeting house Attest Mathew Whipple Clerk for said company dated Ipswich March 15th 1713/14

The above list and and Coppy of the original given in by the committee above said
Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk.

The above named Nathaniel Brown and John Brown hath given up their rights as is entered in folo 135.

We whose names are underwritten do hereby signify to the town of Wenham that we freely resign all our rights in Wenham meeting house up to the town only reserving each of our pews to be to our respective sons Viz. Nathaniel Brown and Rice Knowlton and their heirs forever provided the town will let our sons and their Heirs enjoy the said pews without any order from the town as witness our hands, John Knowlton, Nathaniel Brown (bearing date as above

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Feb. 22nd 1713/14.

At a meeting of the Selectmen they appointed the town Clerk to draw a warrant to Constable Ebenezer Batchelder to warn Margret Polland to depart and leave our town, and a warrent was drawn and sent as directed accordingly bearing date Febuary the 23rd 1713/14.

A coppy of the return made upon the warrant.

I have warned the said Margret Polland widow to depart and leave the town according to warrant and said Patch that he dont entertain her Febuary 25th 1713/14 Ebenezer Batchelder Constable.

The above return is truely entered & the original on file.

Attest William Rogers T. Clerk.

Received of Constable Gott the Sum of two pounds Eleven shillings 7d pence in full for the County rate for the town of Wenham for the year 1713. The above is a true coppy of the original receipt John Appleton County treasuer.

Attest. William Rogers Town Clerk.

At a general town meeting duly warned March the second 1713/14, Deacon William Fisk chosen Moderator for this meeting Lieut John Porter, Samuel Kemball, Josiah Dodge, Caleb Kemball and William Rogers are chosen Selectmen for the year ensueing.

William Rogers chosen town Clerk for the year ensueing and sworn. Joseph Herrick Chosen Town treasuer for the year ensueing and sworn.

James Metchem Chosen Constable for the west end of our town for the ensueing year. Samuel Porter chosen constable for the east end of our town for the year ensueing and sworn the same day he was chosen.

John Moulton chosen surveyor of highways for the west end of the town for the year ensueing and sworn the same day. Samuel Kimball Jun chosen surveyor of highways for the east end of our town for the year ensueing and sworn the same day

William Dodge, Joseph Dodge and John Herrick are chosen surveyors of fence for the year ensueing and sworn. Benjamin Fisk John Friend Zacheus Goldsmith are chosen tithing men for the year ensueing and sworn the same day.

Walter Fairfield chosen to continue in the office of Sealer of weights and measures for the year ensueing.

James Metchem being unwilling to serve as constable he not being in town meeting when chosen Voted to accept of Thomas Tarbox in his room the said Tarbox offering his willingness to serve as constable the year ensueing and was sworn to the office of Constable the same day.

The question being put to the town wether the town will repaint the meeting house Voted on the affirmative.

Voted to choose a committee to se to doeing the work. Voted to choose five men on the committee.

The question being put to the town wether the town will have the inside of the meeting house plaistered with lime and it was left with the committee to order for the well doing of it both to the inside and outside whatever needed to be done in the matter and voted in the affirmative.

Sergent Joseph Herrick, Sergent John Gott Capt. Thomas Fisk Benjamin Edwards Lieut. John Porter are chosen a committe to do the work or see to the doing of it as above mentioned.

The question being put to the town wether the town will allow the town treasuer for his services for time past voted in the affirmative. Voted to allow him thirty shillings for time past.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 2nd 1713/14 then agreed with William Rogers to keep school to teach children to read and write in our town and to ring the bell and keep the meeting house of our town and he is to have reasonable satisfaction for the said service in the particulars above mentioned for the year ensueing.

his
Samuel 7 Kemball
mark
John Porter
Caleb Kemball
} Selectmen

The Selectmens petition was voted.

Voted that the committee Viz. Sergent Joseph Herrick Sergent John Gott Capt. Thomas Fisk Benjamin Edwards, and Lieut. John Porter are appointed by a vote of the town to treat with our Ipswich neighbors conserning their part in our meeting house and make report to the town concerning the matter.

To the town of Wenham at a general town meeting March 2nd 1713/14 the petition of Samuel Kemble John Porter Josiah Dodge Caleb Kimball and William Rogers Selectmen of Wenham, Humbly showith that whereas your petetioners have been presented for not doing which if they had done they would have ronged their trust and would have been justly blameworthy and your petetioners been contended from court to court and have been exposed to cost and charge and have petetioned to the great and general Court and are dismissed as may appear by Court record more largely.

Your petetioners pray that the town would be pleased to pass a vote to pay all the just and reasonable charges & cost: Your petetioners have been unjustly and illegally exposed unto and all the Witnesses that your petetioners have been forced to summons in their just defence in this matter and your petetioners shall ever pray.

This petetion being received to the town on March 2nd 1713/14 and considered the town voted to grant the petetion above mentioned to pay the cost and ordered to be entered by the Moderator of said meeting.

his
Samuel 7 Kemball
mark
William Rogers
John Porter
Josiah Dodge
Caleb Kimball
} Selectmen

The above is truely entered Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

March 8th 1714. the present selectmen chosen for the year ensueing, appeared and have taken the oaths of assesors the town not having chosen any other persons to be assesors for the year present.

At a legal town meeting duly warned of the inhabitants of Wenham on March 16th 1713/14 Sergent John Gott chosen Moderator for this meeting.

Voted to allow some consideration to our Ipswich neighbors for their rights in our meeting house that do deliver or surrender up their rights up to the town.

Voted to give or allow our Ipswich neighbors the sum of fifteen pounds in good passable money for and in consideration of their rights in and belonging to our meeting house that is to all those that surender up to the town all their rights in our meeting house and upon the consideration of their giving good security to our town to make good the seventeen rights that is mentioned in an asignment presented by committee as may appear upon our records. upon the condition that they will accept of it.

Voted. that the committee chosen to repair our meeting house are to complete the bargain conserning the matter with our said Ipswich neighbors that have given up their rights in our meeting house.

Voted. to raise thirty pounds money to provide matter wherewith all to repair our meeting house and to be paid by the last of April or thereabout

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March 22nd 1714. At a meeting of the Selectmen then a tax was made in two distinct lists upon the polls and estates in Wenham Viz.—

one list was committed unto Constable Thomas Tarbox amounting to the sum of £19 11s 01d

one list was committed unto Constable Samuel Porter amounting to the sum of £15 07s 10d

and a warrant annexed to each list directing them to make payment unto our town treasuer or to the selectmen or whom they shall appoint to receive the same at or before the last day of April next after the date hereoff all which sums of money are for to find where with all |for the repairing our meeting house £34 18s 11d|

To the Selectmen of Wenham you are desiered to send some persons empowered to renew bounds between our towns and to meet such of our townsmen as shall be empowered by the Selectmen of our town of Manchester on the last Monday of this instant April at ten of the Clock in the fornoon at the Swamp Stump so called Dodges Stump.

Dated Manchester April the 20th 1714

John Knowlton, by order of the Selectmen

The above is a true coppy of the Original

Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Manchester April 26th 1714 we have appointed Mr. Samuel Allen and Daniel Williams to renew bounds between our town of Manchester and Wenham with such gentlemen as shall be appointed by the Selectmen of Wenham meeting at Dodges Stump dated Manchester April 26th 1714 by order of the Selectmen

John Knowlton Clerk

A true coppy Attest, William Rogers, town Clerk

April 26th 1714. We whose names are underwritten have met together and have renewed the bounds between Wenham and Manchester namely Dodges Stump and the white Oak Stubb with a heap of Stones about it and do mutually agree to renew all the range bounds.

Josiah Dodge } Selectmen
for
William Rogers } Wenham

his
Samuel S Allen
mark
his
David O Williams
mark
} For Manchester

The above is a true coppy of the original act and proceedings

Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

Wenham Oct. 11th 1714 — Received of Constable Thomas Tarbox the sum of £4 8s 6d in full of his town rate which should have been paid by the last of April in the year 1714, I say received by me Joseph Herrick Treasurer

The above is a copy of the original receipt.

Attest William Rogers, Town clerk

May 11th 1714 — At a legal town meeting duely warned of the inhabitants of Wenham to choose a Representative to represent our town at Boston the year ensueing; at the great and general Court or Assembly

|Deacon William Fisk chosen Representative| for the year ensueing.

At a meeting of the Selectmen May 25th 1714 Lieut. John Porter is by the Selectmen appointed to be a receiver of that parcel of money that is raised for to provide where withall to repair our meeting house, he being one of the committee to see to the doeing of the matter conserning of said house and to be accountable for the same, and an order sent to him for directions in the same.

At a meeting of the Selectmen May 25th 1714 Ensign Samuel Kimball is appointed to over see and inform of any breach of the laws respecting or relating to said office and to have meet and honourable recompence for his pains as the law directs.

At a meeting of the Selectmen May 25th 1714 William Rogers is ordered to go to a justice to procure a warrant to carry |one Margaret Poland out of town| (her two sons have given bonds as on page 111)

At a legal town meeting of the inhabitants duely warned Sept. 9th 1714 Deacon William Fisk chosen Moderator for this meeting but refusing to serve, Sargent John Gott chosen Moderator for this meeting.

Voted to raise 60 pounds to defray the charges allready laid out about our meeting house and to complete the finishing the outside of said house.

Voted to defer the plaistering of the inside of the meeting house untill another year.

Voted to raise one hundred and ten pounds to defray our towns debts and engagements and othe charges arising in the same.

Voted to choose a committee to place persons in the meeting house and to do what is needful in that matter.

Voted that our women shall be placed on the east side of our meeting house and in the east gallery.

Deacon William Fisk Lieut. John Porter Ensign Samuel Kimball, Josiah Dodge and John Gott are chosen as a committee to seat persons in our meeting house.

At a legal meeting (town) duely warned on the third of November 1714

Lieut. John Porter chosen moderator for this meeting

Voted to defer the repairing of the |Turritt| untill next Spring.

Voted that there shall be no window holes cut in the sides of our meeting house without leave of the town and that those holes that are allready cut shall be closed up if the persons against the seats will not secure and keep them well glazed with glass.

Voted to sell Mr. Whipple and Mr. Tiltons pews that was, to some of the propritors of our town by a committee and the room from the corner of the pulpit to Mr. Whipples pew that was.

Sergent John Gott, John Friend and William Rogers are chosen to be a committee for the disposing of the pews and room above said.

Voted that the committee that was chosen to seat our meeting house shall have power or are empowered to regulate or alter the mens and womens seats in our meeting house to make them convenient.

At a meeting of the Selectmen Aug. 16th 1714 a tax was made for the paying the province tax in two distinct lists.

A list on poles and estates in Constable Thomas Tarbox's ward amounting to the sum of £55 00s 00d to be paid into the province treasuer and ten shillings over pluss is for his gathering.

And a list on poles and estates in Constable Samuel Porters ward, a list to be paid into the province treasuery the sum of £43 6s 6d and about thirteen shillings over pluss. allowed him for gathering the lists are committed unto each constable.

November the third 1714.

Received of Constable Ebenezer Batchelder the sum of thirteen pounds in full of the towns rate the money part he was to pay to me. I say received by me,

Joseph Herrick Town Treasurer

The above receipt is a coppy of the original Recept

Attest. William Rogers Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham Nov. 2nd & 3rd 1714 pursuant from a vote of the town. A tax is made in two distinct lists and committed to the Constable of Wenham with a warrant anex'd to each list. In Constable Thomas Tarbox list a sum amounting to £99..09s..00d to be paid in unto our town treasurer by the first day of January next coming after the date hereof and 18 cords of wood to be paid in unto the Reverend Mr. Gerish by the last of Febuary to include all accounts for the same allowing Mr. Gerrish his receipts and the Selectmens Several Orders.

In Constable Samuel Porters list a sum amounting to £78 17s 2d to be paid in unto our town treasuer or to whom his warrant directs all by the last of January next coming after the date hereof and 12 cords of wood to be paid in unto Rev. Mr. Joseph Gerrish by the last of Febuary next coming after the date hereof, he the Constable Mr. Gerrish receipts and the several orders granted by the Selectmen.

In both lists of the town rate the whole sum is £178 06s 2d

Boston Oct. 26th 1714.

Received of Mr. Ebenezer Batchelder Constable of Wenham nine pounds ten shillings and ten pence in full for my master

Jeremiah Allen Treasuer
|per James Gooch Junr

A true coppy of the original receipt
Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

November the 15th 1714

Received of Constable Nathaniel Gott the full sum of £2 13s 3d which is in full of the town rate the money part he was to pay to me in the year 1713 I say received by me

Joseph Herrick, Town Treasuer

The above is a coppy of the original receipt
Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting duely warned on the 22nd of November 1714. |In the first year of his Majesty reign| Deacon William Fisk Chosen Representative.

Boston Oct. 14th 1712. Received of Mr. Samuel Kemball Constable of Wenham, twenty pounds two pence in full. Received for my father Mr. James Taylor Treas.

The above is a coppy of the original receipt.

William Taylor

Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

Received of Mr. John Berry Constable for the town of Wenham for the year 1707 on account of my Sallary due to me from said Town for said year the sum of thirty two pounds and 15 cords of wood I say received by me 17th day of January 1714/15 Joseph Gerrish

I have given before this a receipt of the same sum which being lost I now at the request of said Constable |give this of a later date, Joseph Gerrish|

A Coppy of the original

Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

Wenham Augt. 20th 1713.

Received of Samuel Kemball Constable for the year 1711 all the money part that he was to collect in the town list, I say received.

The above is a coppy of the original

Joseph Herrick

treasuer for Wenham

Receipt Attest William Rogers, Town Clerk

June the 18th 1714. Received of Constable John Friend 5s 9d in full for his town rate in the year 1712 I say received by me, Joseph Herrick Treas.

A coppy of the original receipt.

Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen Febuary 25th 1714/15

Then reckoned with Constable Samuel Porter he having paid in money and orders and allowing in receipts and orders according to his Warrant the sum of £41 4s 0d out of the town rate committed him to collect bearing date November 4th 1714 and we do allow him the sum of forty shillings for gathering and collecting of the towns rates this year 1714 and there is yet remaining to clear his rates

due to the town the sum of thirty five pounds & 15^{s} 2^{d} to balance as witness our hands.

his
Samuel 7 Kemball
mark
John Porter
Caleb Kemball
William Rogers
} Selectmen

Know all men by these presents that we Anthony Dickeson and Nathaniel Dickeson both of Ipswich in the County of Essex and in the province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Tailor cordwainer are holden and do Stand firmly bound unto the town of Wenham in the full and just sum of one hundred pounds money of New England to be paid unto the said town of Wenham or town treasuer or to the selectmen of said town or whom they shall appoint to see or receive the same or any of them or their successors to the which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves our heirs executors administrators Jointly or severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals dated June the eighth day in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and fourteen. 1714

The condition of the above written obligation is such that if the above bounden Anthony Dickeson Nathaniel Dickeson or any of their heirs Executors administrators or either or any of them shall well and faithfully bar the town of Wenham indemnified and harmless of and from any cost and charge that shall or may any ways happen or to arise by reason of their mother Margret Polland widow late of Ipswich and now removed into Wenham being any ways an inhabitant of said town. if the said Anthoy or Nathaniel Dickeson or any of their heirs shall pay all charges and expense that the overseers of the poor shall be exposed unto any ways or the town of Wenham if through the providence of God their said mother shall come to want or any ways shall be chargeble to said town or Selectmen of Wenham then the above written obligation to be void and of non effect else to stand and remain and abide in full strenth and virtue and force.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us.

Anthony Dickeson
Nathaniel Dickeson

William Rogers, William Fisk Jun. Witness.

At a meeting of the town duely warned on Febuary the eighth 1714/15

William Fairfield chosen Moderator for this meeting.

Voted that the town treasurer shall with stay his hand from paying the Selectmens Orders untill the next general town meeting or untill further order.

Febuary 25th 1714/15. Received of Constable Samuel Porter twenty nine pounds two shillings and sixpence in part of the town rate. Joseph Herrick Treasuer.
A coppy of the original receipt truly entred
Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

Febuary 25th 1714/15. Received of Constable Samuel Porter one pound and ten pence in full as his town rate which he was to make up accounts for at or before the last day of April 1714. I say received by me.
Joseph Herrick Treasuer
The above receipt is a true coppy of the original.
Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 1st 1714/15

Then reckoned and accounted with Samuel Porter Constable for a rate commited to him amounting to the sum seventy eight pounds, seventeen shillings and two pence and he said Porter having paid and allowed the several sums according to the directions in his warrant the list bearing date November 4th 1714 £78 17s 2d As appears by receipts of several persons bearing even dates herewith and sum before and the several sums amounting to the sum of £55 17s 0d and the allowance and we do allow the said Porter the sum of forty shillings that is allowed him in page 139 for collecting and his acquital of all the town rate above mentioned by paying to the town the sum £23 0s 2d.

As witness our hands on the day above said

his
Samuel 7 Kemball
mark
John Porter
Caleb Kemball
William Rogers
} Selectmen

Know all men by these presents, that I Thomas White of Wenham, in the County of Essex in the province of the Massachusetts bay in New England husbandman for and in consideration of forty shillings in hand paid by William Dodge of Wenham above said husbandman have given granted bargained sold alleinated, Enfeofed conveyed and confirmed unto the said William Dodge a certain common right it being the one eighth part of the one ninth part of the undivided Common land in our town of Wenham to have and to hold to him the said William Dodge his heirs executors administrators and assigns forever in himself with all priveledges belonging thereto without any manner of reservasion or after claim to be had or made by me or any of mine whatsoever and in confirmation of all above written I have set to my hand on 1st March 1714/15

his
Thomas ſ White
mark

Signed in presence of us as witness.
John Moulton, William Rogers

Augt. 22n 1715

Then received of Mr. John Porter, the sum of twenty pounds one shilling and nine pence in receipts and bills of credit in full as due to me for my sallary due to me from the town of Wenham for the year 1714 I say received from said Porter town treasuer by me Joseph Gerrish

The above is a coppy of the original receipt compaird,
Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

Boston Oct. 4th 1715.

Received of Mr. Samuel Porter, Constable of Wenham twenty four pounds three shillings and ten pence in full for my master Jeremiah Allen, Treasuer
pr. Jon Gooch

A coppy of the original receipt.
Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham to choose town officers for the year ensueing 1714/15 on this first day of March.

William Fairfield chosen moderator for this meeting.

Benjamin Edwards William Fairfield Joseph Her-

rick Caleb Kemball, William Rogers are chosen Selectmen for the year ensueing.

William Rogers chosen town clerk for the year ensueing.

Lieut. John Porter Chosen Town treasuer for the year ensueing.

Thomas Tarbox chosen constable for the west end of our town for the year ensueing.

Richard Fowler chosen Constable for the east end of our town for the year ensueing and sworn the same day.

Nathaniel Brown, Samuel Kemball Junr. David Batchelder are chosen tithing men for the year ensueing.

Voted that John Kemball shall be surveyor of highways eastward end of the Straights to the great pond river.

John Edwards Junr. Chosen surveyor of highways eastward of the brook for the year ensueing.

The Selectmen of our town is to make distinction of the division of their care and charge of their work of the highways annually.

Jonathan Moulton chosen surveyor of highways for the west end of our town for the year ensueing. and sworn the same day.

John Friend and Joseph Dodge are chosen fence viewers.

Robert Symonds, Symond Patch are chosen to see to the observance of the laws about swine. Patch sworn the same day.

Voted to choose a committee of three men to join with John Porter Samuel Kemball and William Rogers that were Selectmen in the year 1712 or any three they shall choose to adjust their accounts or what is reasonable they shall have having reffernce to a vote past by the town to pay their cost on the 2nd day of last March and the terms of their petition to be equal in power and in case they cant agree to choose a middle man to decide the matter.

Voted to chose William Fairfield, John Friend Thomas Edwards to be for a committee for the service as above to join with the said Selectmen.

Thomas Tarbox refused to take the oath of Constable objecting to serve. he served the last year past as Constable on the day above said.

Voted that all treasuers and receivers that have any of the towns debts or money in their hands shall withhold paying anything to the Selectmen or their witnesses untill the thing is isued.

William Rogers sworn to the office of town clerk the same day he was chosen

John Friend and Joseph Dodge are sworn to the office of fence viewers the same day they were chosen.

John Kemball and John Edwards sworn to the office of Surveyors of highways the same day chosen.

March 4th 1714/15.

4 of the Selectmen being present they then took the oaths of Assessors for the yar ensueing. Mr. John Porter sworn to the office of Town treasuer.

Samuel Kemball and David Batchelder Sworn to the office of tithing men on the same day.

Pursuant to the towns vote at a meeting of the Selectmen March 4th 1714/15.

then agreed that the highways eastward of the new bridge with the inhabitants living on the east side of the great pond river shall belong to the neck ward for mending of the highways the year ensueing. |and all the new bridge with all the causways| belonging to be to the town ward.

Allso agreed with William Rogers to keep the meeting house and ring the bell and keep school untill the first day of March next for three pounds.

All at the same meeting, March 4th 1714/15.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on April the 20th 1715 the Selectmen then agreed and gave orders to the town Clerk to draw a warrant for the calling of a town meeting and to be on the 4th of May 1715 at one o'clock to choose a representative to go to Boston and a Constable to fill up the vacancy. Thomas Tarbox not accepting to serve as constable for 1715 and to do any other buisness for the town then to be done a warrant is directed to Constable Richard Fowler accordingly dated on the 20th of April 1715 and signed by |order of the Selectmen| and |town clerk|

August 22nd 1715 Then received of Mr. John Porter the sum of twenty pounds one |Shilling and nine pence in re| (this receipt is coppied twice in the records)

March 4th 1714/15 At a meeting of the Selectmen to account with Joseph Herrick town treasuer for the year 1714 conserning the town rate made in our town of Wenham and other due's of said town to him Committed to call

in and dispose of and according to said treasuer's accounts there remains due from Constable Thomas Tarbox of that town rate or list committed to him to collect which amounts to £99 9^{s} 0^{d} the Sum of thirty nine pounds 10 shillings and of Constable Samuel Porters list of the towns rate committed to him to collect which amounted to £78 17^{s} 2^{d} there remains due to said town the Sum of £49 14^{s} 8^{d} which two Sums in each respective Constables hand's are yet unpaid and owing to the town and are hereby returned as town debt unto Lieut. John Porter town treasuer for this present who is alike required to call for and receive in the same and therewith to make payment of such Sum or Sums as he shall receive orders from lawfull authority for the paying of as allso three pounds in the hands of Joseph Fowler and three pounds in the hands of John Batchelder which Sums are for pews in our meeting house sold them by the town and in the treasuer own hands £1 05^{s} 00^{d} and give out a coppy to the treasuer for the time being of the same and the town clerk's hereby ordered to |record this account and order|

Benjamin Edwards
William Fairfield
Joseph Herrick
} Selectmen

Wenham the 13th June 1715 then Received of Constable Samuel Porter the sum of ten pounds one shilling in money and orders I say by me received John Porter Town Treasuer a coppy of the original Recpt

Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

August the 22nd 1715 then Received of Constable Samuel Porter of Wenham in money and receipts the sum of twelve pounds fourteen shillings and sixpence

Received by me John Porter town treasuer £12 14^{s} 6^{d}

A coppy truly Entered

Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

September 19 th 1715 Received of Mr. John Porter Town Treasuer for Wenham the sum of £8 5^{s} 0^{d} in part of 16 pounds and ten shillings due to me from the town whereupon I do agree to let fall the Lawsuit I now have against the town inhabitants of said Wenham the remainder to be paid in two months (within) I say received by me

Nathaniel Waldron

|A true coppy of the original Receipt Attest William Rogers| town Clerk

At a town meeting on May the 4th 1715 duely warned for choosing representative to go to Boston to represent our Town, and for the choosing a Constable to fill up the vacancy Thomas Tarbox being chosen at the last general town meeting to the office of Constable. he refusing to Serve therein. and do any other town buisness that is to be done.

Voted to chose Moderator. William Fairfield chosen Moderator for this meeting.

Capt. Thomas Fisk chosen Representative for the year ensuing.

Thomas Kemball Jun. chosen to the office of Constable for the year ensuing and sworn the same day above said.

The question being put to the town wether the town will allow the Selectmen that was in 1712 and their witnesses the sums of money they have allready gotten amounting to about 31 pounds 00 Shillings as is entered in the book upon condition that they acquit the town of any further claim or demand about that matter.

|Voted on the affirmative to the best of my Knowledge| in the matter

At a legal town meeting on July 11th 1715 of the inhabitants of Wenham duely warned and assembled,

Sergent John Gott is chosen Moderator for the meeting

At a legal town meeting duely warned and convened on the eleventh day of July 1715 Sheweth that

Whereas the inhabitants of Wenham have passed a vote that our late Selectmen and their witnesses should have the money they have gotten as may more largely appear on record Conserning the same yet some of the inhabitants of Wenham have by way of petition to the great and general Court complained of our late selectmen aledging in their petition as if that the said Selectmen had done the town rong as if the town was likely to be damnified by their maneagment as may more largely appear by the petition Set forth to the general Court on June last past and the great and general Court having had a hearing of the matter have ordered a Special Session to be held and Kept at Wenham the town to bear the charge if the parties are not agreed before their giving notice of their coming as may more largely appear by Court record Therefore to prevent further cost and charge in this matter of the sessions coming.

At the meeting of the inhabitants assembled, the town having considerd the accounts concerning the complaint

and the things alledged against the said selectmen and the town, dont find upon enquiring into the same that the said Selectmen have done the town any wrong in the matter concerning the same therefore do allow and confirm what they have done in those matters

these are therefore to certify whom it may concern that the inhabitants of the town of Wenham and said Selectmen are agreed

and it is agreed upon by said town that the said Selectmen and their witnesses shall have all the money that they have allready gotten as it was voted by the town for them to have on May the 4th 1715 as may more largely appear upon record concerning the matters

which sum as is mentioned on record and orders drawn for the same the said Selectmen do receive in full of the coste granted them by the town March 2nd 1713 for peace and quietness did agree although it is not one half of the cost they have been exposed unto yet the said selectmen upon the above said agreement do acquit the town of any further cost granted them at the above said time March the 2nd 1713/14 as witness our hands

his
Samuel 7 Kemball
mark
John Porter
Caleb Kemball
William Rogers
} Late Selectmen

the above particulars are voted on the afirmative by the town.

Voted that the above particulars shall be entered in the town book and ordered by the moderator to be entered.

Voted . to choose a committee to present a coppy of the towns act in this matter to whom it may concern to prevent the sessions coming. Sargent John Gott and Thomas White are chosen a commnttee |to present this town act to whom it may concern in the matter|

John Lowell Junr of Ipswich hath taken up a stray man colt about 3 yeers old doing damage. the said colt is of a blackish color some white hairs and slit in the right ear and was taken up on the 5th of July 1715 and a notification hereof was set up dated the 19th of July 1715 at Wenham and was then entered with the town Clerk at the same time.

Know all men by these presents that I Samuel Kemball of Wenham in the County of Essex in the province of Massachusetts bay in New England husbandman for and in consideration of the sum of thirty shillings in hand paid and secured to be paid by William Dodge of Wenham above said husbandman have given granted bargained sold alleinated Enfeofed and confirmed unto the said William Dodge a certain common right in all the undivided lands in Wenham eastward of the new bridge it being the one eighth part of the one ninth of all the undivided lands as above said to have and to hold unto the said William Dodge his heirs executors administrators and assignees for ever to have and possess and enjoy forever with all the profitts privledges belonging there to or any part thereof without any manner of reservation to be had or made by me or any of mine whatsoever and in confirmation of what is above written I have set to my hand and seal on the 8th day of Febuary in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and fourteen/15 Signed and sealed in presence of us.

his
Samuel 7 Kemball
mark

Thomas Tarbox. William Rogers witnes

Know all men by these presents, that I William Fairfield of Wenham in the county of Essex and province of the Massachusetts bay in New England yoeman for and in consideration of fifty shillings to me in hand paid by Benjamin Edwards of the town County and province have given granted bargained sold assigned and set over all my right and interest in the undivided common land in the township of Wenham which was Samuel Fisks Junr. which I have full power to dispose of as above and in confirmasion of what is above written have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of April 1715

William Fairfield

Signed in the presence of us.

Ephraim Kimball, Thomas Tarbox

A coppy of the original instrument compared.

Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents that I Ephraim Kimball of Wenham in the county of Essex in New England yoeman

for and in consideration of the full and just sum of fifty shillings in hand paid by Benjamin Edwards of the same town, county, and province Carpenter, have given granted bargained and sold assigned and set over unto the said Benjamin Edwards all my right in the undivided common land in the township of Wenham in my own right to me belonging and in confirmation of what is above written I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of April in the year of our lord 1715

Signed in presence of us
William Fairfield } Ephraim Kemball
Thomas Tarbox }

|A coppy of the original conveyance|
entered and Compared, Attest William Rogers. T. C.

June 13th 1715. Received of Mr. John Porter of Wenham said Town treasuer the full sum of fifteen pounds in bills of credit as money which is on the account for so much due to the persons who sold their rights in the meeting house in said Wenham as they had in said house as is more fully expressed in said town book. I say received by me who am appointed by said Inhabitants to receive the same as attest my hand Mathew Whipple

A coppy compared of the original receipt
Attest. William Rogers, Town Clerk
(which is on the back side of the order.)

Received of Lieut. John Porter treasuer for the town of Wenham in bills of credit and receipts on account of my Sallary due to me for the year 1715 the sum of forty one pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence. by me
Joseph Gerrish
March 2nd 1715/16 A coppy of the original receipt
Attest. William Rogers, Town Clerk

Wenham December 8th 1715. Then received of Constable Samuel Porter the sum of one pound eight shillings 4 pence. by me
John Porter Town treasuer
which in full for his town rate. A true coppy.
Attest. William Rogers, Town Clerk

To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come know ye that we the subscribers hereto, inhabitants of Ipswich in the County of Essex in the province of Massachusetts bay in New England have for and in consideration of a certain sum of money to us in hand paid by a committee

Viz. Capt. Thomas Fisk Lieut. John Porter, Sargent John Gott. Mr. Benjamin Edwards and Joseph Herrick for the town of Wenham we do by these presents freely absolutely sell make over all our right and interest we have or ever had in the meeting house at Wenham unto the said town of Wenham or to the above said committee for the said town and do by these presents quit claim to the said house and we do for ourselves and our heirs further engage to defend the said premises from all that shall lay any legal claim there to from or by any of us or our heirs in testimony hereof we have set to our hands this 11 of March in the year of our lord 1714/15

In presence of us	Mathew Whipple	Richard Walker
John Gilbert	Samuel Poland	Jabiz Dodge
The copy of the	Samuel Dodge	Parker Dodge
original acquital	Samuel Knowlton	Nathaniel Potter
and the names	John Davidson	John Dane
of those that	Daniel Dane	Abraham Tilton
signed it	her	Mary Thomson
compared	Martha W Annable	William Davidson
Attest	mark	
William Rogers	Jonathan Hobbs	
Town Clerk	Joseph Dodge	

First division At a meeting of the propritors of the undivided common lands in Wenham on the 4th day of April in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and fifteen warned according to law in this case made and provided voted to choose the town clerk for the time being to be the propritors Clerk according to a former vote (William Rogers is the town clerk for the time being)

William Rogers chosen moderator for said propritors.

Voted to divide all our common lands that are undivided in Wenham and it is agreed upon to divide the several parcels of common lands hereafter mentioned into eight parts or divisions agreeing how many rights shall be in each part or division and to whom the rights do belong unto by name as near as we can for quantity and quality it not being convenient as formerly we have done to divide eight common rights in a division by reason of the land being in so many pieces and small parcells, therefore it is agreed upon by said propritors to lay out to every propritor his whole share together with more rights or less as the places well afford or allow for quantity and quality

as near as we can agree some having purchased several rights in the said common rights.

And it is agreed upon by said propritors that all that of land by Rice Knowltons shall be the first division
(the first division is as foloweth) and by estimation is 35 acres and it is agreed upon to be sixteen rights and is bounded as followeth,
Northerly by the Highway as the highway now goeth leaving said highway three poles wide to gravelly brook.
Easterly it bounds upon the first division formally laid out.
Southerly by land of Samuel Corning partly and partly by a stone wall set up by William Dodge across the common
Westwardly by land of William Dodge and the said division is granted and confirmed by said propritors unto the persons hereafter named:
Viz: to Rice Knowlton one right in his own right and to John Gott two rights one in the right of his brother William Fisk. one in his own right and one to Nathaniel Waldron one in his own right and one share is to the right of John Abbys living.

To William Rogers one in the right of Joseph Batchelder, one in the right of Nathaniel Brown.

To Capt. Thomas Fisk two rights, to Joseph Herrick one right. to Lieut. John Porter 3 rights one in his own right, one in the right of Mr. Newman living. one in the right of Samuel Fisks living.
To Thomas Patch one right in his own right.
To Timothy Patch one right as appears by purchase (each to the right owners).
one right to Stephen Patch in the right of Thomas Patch or to his Brother Thomas.

And it is agreed upon by said propritors that all that parcell of common land by Longham shall be the second division.

And it is agreed upon by said propritors to be eight common rights and is by estemation about Ten acres boundeth as followeth.
Northerly by a stone wall; easterly by land of Samuel Corning Southerly by longham meadow. Westerly by land of William Dodge all within fence and the said division is granted and confirmed unto the propritors hereafter named Viz: To Mr. Walter Fairfield one right in his own right and one in the right of Thomas White, one in the right of Daniel Claflin in the right John Sewert and one in the right of Tobias Trow. one in the right of John

Batchelder one in the right of Nathaniel Fairfield and one right is to Robert Cue's Living as may appear by purchase, Each to the right owner originally each to the persons above mentioned by name.

And it is agreed upon by said propritors that all that parcell of common Land laying by Mr. Daniel Dodges cider mill (shall be the third division)' and it is agreed upon to be eight common rights and is by estimation about ten acres and is boundeth as followeth.

Northerly by land of Mr. Daniel Dodges leaving the highway 3 poles wide as it now goith
easterly it bounds upon land of William Dodges.
Southwardly by longham Meadow fence westerly by land of Mr. Daniel Dodge
And the said division is granted and confirmed by said propritors unto the persons named hereafter Viz.
to Mr. Joseph Gerrish one in his own right and to Mr. Daniel Dodge one in his fathers right and to the widow Sarah Dodge administrator to her husbands estate three rights one in the right of the living she liveth on, one in the right of Henry Haggett and one in the right of Mordica Larcom. To Samuel Fisk one in his own right and to Mary Dodge one right for the living she liveth on and is to the living for the right owner of it and one to John Coys and it is agreed upon by said propritors that all that parcel of land upon Rocky Hill shall be the fourth division.

And it is agreed upon to be the ten rights of commonage and it is by estimation fifteen acres and it boundeth as fololweth,
Easterly by land of Mr. Daniel Dodge
Southerly by land of Benjamin Edwards
Westerly by land of Nathaniel Stone and partly by land of the heirs of John Dodge
Northerly by the edge of the hill within one poll of the highway as it now goeth the town having liberty of digging of gravell to mend the highways withall as ocassion shall serve forever out of the north side of the hill and said division is granted and confirmed unto the persons hereafter named by the said propritors.

Viz. to Benjamin Edwards one in his own right and one in the right of John Dennis and one in the right of William Fairfield originally in the right Samuel Fisk Junr. and one in the right of Ephraim Kimball and to Thomas Edwards one right and one right in the right of William Knowlton and one in the right of Samuel Kemball Junr. one in the

right of John Leach and to John Herrick one right and to John Dodges heirs one right as may appear by purchase each to the right owners above mentioned, original owners of said rights.

It is agreed upon by the said propritors that all that parcel of common land by William Knowltons land or house shall be the fifth division and it is agreed upon by said propritors to be six common rights and is by estemation five acres and is bounded as followeth

Viz. Northerly by the highway leaving the highway three poles wide as it now goeth. And Southerly partly upon one acre of land laid out to Aron Jones and partly upon land of Widow Ruth Dodges and Westerly by her stone wall and said division is granted and confirmed by said propritors unto William Dodge one in the right of Deacon James Friend and one in the right of Ensign Samuel Kemball and two rights one the right of William Fairfields own right and the other in the right of said Fairfield in the right of Thomas Kilham and two rights in the right of Joseph Fowler one in his own right and one in the right of Mr. Smiths farm said Fowler having it by purchase as by purchase may appear to be said Dodges each to be to the original owners above said or to whom they of right belong to.

And it is agreed upon by said propritors that all that parcel of common land that layeth adjoining to land of Samuel Kilhams and the land that was John Barrs and it is agreed upon by the said propritors to be the sixth division and it is allso agreed upon to be three common rights and it is boundeth as followeth.

It bounds Northerly upon the highway leaving said way three poles wide all along by said land and Southerly it bounds upon said Kilhams and Barrs land and is by estimation about four acres and is granted and confirmed by said propritors to the persons here named Viz.

To Samuel Kilham one right beginning at the two acres layed out to him in his fathers right and by his own land untill it cometh even with the westerly end of his house leaving the highway three poles wide all along next to that one acre of land and is so one right leaving the highway three poles wide and the remainder of said land is to William Dodge in the right of John Barr leaving the highway three poles wide all along by said Common lands as the way goeth.

And it is agreed upon by the said propritors that all that

parcel of common land lying by Joshua Wallis's land shall be the seventh division and it is agreed upon by said propritors that all that parcell of common land shall be twenty common rights and is by estimation about eighteen acres and is bounded as followeth.
Easterly partly by land of Phineas Dodge and partly upon the two acres layed out to Samuel Kilham.
Southerly by land of Andrew Dodge.
Southwestly by Henry Haggitt stone wall
and West or Northwesterly by Joshua Wallis land or stone wall as they now stand.
Northerly or Northeasterly by widow Sarah Dodges land leaving the highway 3 poles wide as it now goeth all along by or through said land and allowing liberty to Henry Haggitt a way for passing at time and at all times forever to come into the road or highway to pass with cart or sled or as occasion may be the way to be eighteen foot wide he said Haggitt having liberty of mending said way to make it passable he passing through gates or bars as ocasion may be.
the said way is all along next to Joshua Wallises land or stone wall or as the divisional fence of said Wallis and the propritors shall be by his land and the said divisions is granted and confirmed by the said propritors
unto William Rogers one right in his own and one in the right of John Perkins 2nd and one in the right of Daniel Kilhams 3
and one in the right of Thomas Kemball 4
one in the right of Caleb Kimball 5,
one in the right of Theophlus Rix 6
one in the right of Joseph Hacker 7
one in the right of John Berry 8
and one in the right of Mrs. Sarah Hull 9
one in the right of Theophelus Fisk 10
one in the right of Ebenezer Batchelder 11
one in the right of Daniel Maxey 12
one in the right of David Batchelder 13
one in the right of Jonathan Moulton 14
one in the right of Joseph Dodge 15
one in the right of Charles Gott 16
one in the right of Nathaniel Gott 17
one in the right of Zacheus Goldsmith 18
one in the right of Richard Fowler 19
and Hutton Goldsmith their Grandfathers right 19
one right in the right of Joshua Wallis 20 rights in all

which includes all the parcel of land as appears by purchase to him said Rogers each to the persons originally to whom they belong before mentioned.

The 8th division it is agreed upon by said propritors that all that parcel of common land on the back side of the great meadows next Topsfield Common be three common rights and is the eighth division and is boundeth as foloweth.
North or northwesterly by Topsfield line
Southerly by the great meadow as the meadow goeth and is by estimation 4 acres
and that part of it next the causway and the swamp is two rights and that part next Deacon Fisks meadow is to said Deacon Fisk for his right.
the other half of it is to Benjamin Fisk for his right and all that parcell of land next to John Gotts meadow and William Rogers meadow as the upland goeth is to William Rogers in the right of Samuel Porter as by purchase each to the right owner.

Voted a confirmation in full of all the above particulars mentioned, the propritors in general to be borne indamnified by any particular purchase that is made by any person or persons if their deeds dont appear to be good or have no such right as is pretended by any but to be the right owners.

Voted. that upon the request or desire of five of the said propritors to the propritors clerk, he shall give notice for a meeting mentioning the occasion thereof by a notification posted in some public place in our town, mentioning the time and place from time to time as occasion may serve.

At a meeting of the Selectmen April the 6th 1715 at Wenham William Rogers being town Clerk for the time being and was chosen propritors clerk at the propritors meeting on the 4th of April Instant of the undivided land of Wenham and he was sworn to said office of propritors clerk on the 6th day above said before said Selectmen.
A true entry Attest William Rogers propritors Clerk

To the gentlemen Selectmen of the town of Wenham the time for the perambulation of the line between our towns being this year, these may inform you that there is men chosen to attend said work on the twenty fourth of this

instant to meet your men at Mr. Walter Fairfields at eight of the clock in the forenoon and if that be foul weather then the next fair day at the same time of day by order of the Selectmen William Giddings Dated May the 12th 1715. the above is a copy truely entered.

Attest William Rogers T. C.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham May the 23rd 1715. Mr. Theophelus Rix William Rogers and Nathaniel Fairfield are appointed desired and empowered to renew bounds with such gentlemen as Ipswich Selectnem shall appoint to perambulate bounds between said Ipswich and Wenham on twenty fourth day of said May to meet at 8 of the Clock on said day at the house of Mr. Walter Fairfield pr. order of the Selectmen. William Rogers T. C.
The above is a coppy truely entered and compared.

Attest. William Rogers, Town Clerk

May 24th 1715. We whose names are underwritten being appointed by the Selectmen of our respective towns namely Ipswich and Wenham have met and owned all the several Range bounds between our said towns and have renewed the several bound trees and marked them with a marking Iron to Dodges Stump and put Stones about them and we began at the Center tree.

Theophelus Rix
Nathaniel Fairfield } For Wenham
William Rogers

Daniel Ringe
William Giddings
John Knowlton } For Ipswich
Samuel Low

A coppy of the original compaired

Attest. William Rogers, Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen April 20th 1715
Benjamin Fisk, William Rogers are appointed and empowered and desired to meet with such gentlemen as Topsfield shall appoint to renew bounds or perambulate bounds between Wenham and Topsfield to meet on the 23rd of May at the bounds by the causway at about 9 of the clock in the day. May 23rd 1715

We whose names are underwritten being appointed by Wenham and Topsfield to renew bounds between our towns Respectively. Have met and renewed the bounds at the maple, beginning at the maple so as the brook runs to a little island to a stake in the brook then from the stake in brook to the river having reference to the settlement agreed upon by our towns in 1694 as on record and from said maple towards the causway the bounds mentioned in the agreement 1682 having reference to that agreement made between our towns at that time to a tree marked as witness our hands on the day above said.

Benjamin Fisk
William Rogers } For Wenham

Elisha Perkins
Thomas Towns } For Topsfield

A coppy compared of the original
Attest William Rogers, Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham April the 20th 1715. Mr. Joseph Herrick one of the present Selectmen and Mr. John Gott and Mr. Thomas Tarbox or any two of them are desired and empowered to meet with such Salem gentlemen as are empowered to renew bounds between Salem and Wenham on the 25th of April instant. and there to renew bounds between said towns pr. order of the Selectmen. The above is a true coppy.
Attest William Rogers, Town Clerk

Salem. To the Selectmen of Wenham Greeting: these serve to notify you that the Selectmen of Salem pursuant to law have appointed empowered and desired Messrs. John Putnam Junr. Israel Andrews, Joshua Buffum and Samuel Pope Junr. or any two of them to perambulate the bounds between the said towns of Salem and Wenham and have appointed the house of Mr. John Putnam Junr. to be the place of meeting on the 25th day of April instant at nine of the clock in the forenoon with such persons as you shall appoint for the service, April 11th 1715 per order of the Selectmen

Walter Price, Town Clerk.

A true entry compared
Attest William Rogers, Town Clerk

We whose names are under written Viz. John Putnam Junr Isreal Andrews Joshua Buffum and Samuel Pope Junr appointed by the Selectmen of the town of Salem and Joseph Herrick John Gott and Thomas Tarbox three by the appointmen of the Selectmen of Wenham being met together this 25th of April 1715 to perambulate and renew the bounds as followeth beginning at a white oak at the northerly end of Wenham Causway marked with S. W. and T. with a heap of stones about it to a stake and heap of stones so on to a dry black oak with a heap of stones about it from thence to a white oak marked S. W. which being a southerly bounds of John Leaches Farm and so to Salem and Beverly Corner a white oak bounds marked with S. W. B. with a heap of stones about it.

John Putnam Junr
Isreal Andrews
Joshua Buffum
Samuel Pope
} for Salem

Joseph Herrick
Thomas Tarbox
John Gott
} For Wenham

This with the other is a true entry of the original compared.
Attest William Rogers, Town Clerk

This is to certify whom it may concern that the Selectmen of Beverly have empowered and desired Messrs Andrew Dodge, Jonathan Biles, John Trask, Henry Herrick, and Joseph Corning or any two of them to meet with the gentlemen appointed by the selectmen of Wenham at Mr. Joseph Herricks in Wenham upon the twenty third day of this instant May by nine in the morning and on said day to perambulate the line and renew the bounds between the said towns of Wenham and Beverly according to the late settlement and perambulations between said towns as may appear on record Beverly May 12th 1715 per order of the Selectmen

Robert Woodbury, Town Clerk

A true entrey compared William Rogers Town Clerk

May 23rd 1715 — We whose names are under written being met together to renew bounds between our towns Viz. Wenham and Beverly have renewed as followeth
We beginning at a white oak in Mr. Nathaniel Raymonds

pasture marked with W. and B. and a heap of stones about it and from thence to a white oak at Olfords hill marked W. B. with a heap of stones about it and from thence to a stake and heap of stones by Longham meadow and from thence to a stake and heap of stones about it by the easterly side of raccoon marsh and from thence to a yellow oak marked with W. and B. with a heap of stones about it and from thence to a white oak marked with W. and B. and stones about it and thence turning to a white oak standing upon gravely ridge marked with W. and B. and stones about it and from thence to a white oak at Prishes Corner and from thence by Capt. Wests bounds to a white oak tree stump which was marked with W. and B. and heap of stones about it.

Thomas Edwards, Joseph Herrick, Samuel Kemball } Signed For Wenham

Jonathan Biles, John Trask, Joseph Corning, Andrew Dodge } Signed For Beverly

The above is truely entered and compared
Attest William Rogers, Town Clerk

Boston Augt. 3rd 1715.

Received of Mr. Thomas Tarbox Constable of Wenham twenty five pounds and twelve shillings in full payment for my master

by John Gooch

Jeremiah Allen Treasuer

A coppy of the original receipt compared
Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham duely warned and convened on the 19th of September 1715.

Mr. John Gott chosen moderator for the meeting.

Voted to raise one hundred pounds to defray our town debts and charges arising in the town.

Whereas the great and general Court have been pleased upon the petition of thirty two of our inhabitants have ordered a partial Session to come to Wenham and the town to have the charge. The petetioners renewing their petetion dated August 24th 1715 mentioning in their petetion that if it is the courts pleasure let the faulty party

bear the charge which was after the town and Selectmen had agreed.

The question being put to the town whether the town will choose a person to be an agent for our town to join with the late selectmen to petetion to the great and general court that the faulty party may bear the cost, the petetioners urgeing the same in the petetion if it be the courts pleasure.

Voted on the afirmative to choose a person.

Voted to choose Mr. John Gott for the service abovesaid.

Allso voted that our town treasuer for time past and for time to come upon their reckoning and being aquited by our selectmen in that office shall lodge all the orders and receipts with the town clerk of our town.

Sept. the 19th 1715 — Received of Joseph Fowler of Wenham the sum of three pounds which is for a pew the said Fowler hath purchased of said town

I say received by me
John Porter town treasuer.

A coppy of the original receipt

Attest, William Rogers, T. Clerk

Received of David Batchelder the sum of three pounds for himself and his brother John Batchelder which is for a pew lott they have purchased of the town. September the 9th 1715

I say received by me John Porter town treasuer

A Coppy of the original receipt compared

Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen September the 12th 1715 and in pursuance of a warrant from the country treasuer there is two distinct lists made and commited unto our constable Viz.

To Constable Thomas Kemball a list amounting to the sum of £40 4s 9d whereof he is to pay unto the country treasuer as by his warrant he is directed the sum of £34 00s 00d and he is to pay into our Selectmen or their order £5 11s 5d for the paying a county rate 13 shillings and 4 pence and the remainder £0 13s 4d is allowed him for the collecting

of this list and the paying the same 4d per pound £40 4s 9d.

And to Constable Richard Fowler a list is committed amounting to the sum of £31 12s 2d whereof he is to pay in unto the country treasuer the sum of £30 04s 10d and he is to pay in unto the country treasuer our Selectmen or their order and the remainder is ten shillings and 8 pence is allowed him for collecting and paying in this sum 4 pence per pound is £31 12s 2d

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At a meeting of the Selectmen October 31st 1715 a town rate was made in two lists for the paying of our town debts and charges arising in the same. Viz.

To Constable Thomas Kemball a list amounting to the sum of £56 01s 9d to be paid in unto our town treasuer at or before the first day of January next coming after the date hereof and 17 cords of wood to be paid in unto Mr. Joseph Gerrish at or before the first of March next coming after the date hereof.

And a list is committed unto Constable Richard Fowler amounting to the sum of £43 10s 4d to be paid to our town treasuer at or before the first day of January next coming after the date hereof and 13 cords of wood to be paid in unto Mr. Joseph Gerrish at or before the first day of March next coming after the date hereof and each persons proportion of wood is set against his name in both lists and a warrant annexed to each list.

Received of Constable Thomas Tarbox the sum of two pounds 18 shilllings in full of his town rate, Received by me

John Porter town treasuer.

December 13th 1715. (A coppy of the original receipt.)

Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting duely warned and convened of the inhabitants of Wenham on the twelveth day of December 1715 Deacon William Fisk is chosen moderator for this meeting

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Essex. To Constable Richard Fowler, Greeting.

You are in his magistys name required to warn and give notice unto the inhabitants of our town beloning to your ward that are qualified according to law to vote in town affairs that they assemble and meet together on the 6th day

of March next coming after the date hereof at eight of the clock on said day at our Meeting house in the morning on said day.

to choose town officers for the year ensueing

and to see what shall be done that our minister may have his wood paid him according to our town agreement and allso to make good his Salary that our town has allready engaged to pay him some time past

hereof fail not and make return hereof at time and place above mentioned dated in Wenham the 23rd day of Febuary 1715/16 per order of the selectmen.

William Rogers Town Clerk

pursuant to the above warrant I have warned and given notice unto the inhabitants of Wenham in my ward to meet at time and place above mentioned according to warrant March 6th 1715/16.

A coppy of the original compared

Richard Fowler Constable

Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk

Essex. To Constable Thomas Kemball Greeting.

you are in his majestys name required to warn and give notice unto the inhabitants of Wenham beloning in your ward that are qualified according to law to vote in town affairs that they assemble and meet together on the sixth day of March next after the date hereof at eight of the clock on said day. at our meeting house in the morning

on said day to choose town officers for the year ensueing.

and to see what shall be done that our minister may have his wood paid him according to our towns agreement and allso to make good his Sallary that our town has allready engaged to pay him some time past.

Hereof fail not and make return hereof at time and place above mentioned dated in Wenham Feb. 23rd 1715/16 per order of the Selectmen.

William Rogers Town Clerk

pursuant to the above warrant I have warned and given notice unto the inhabitants of Wenham belonging to my ward to meet at the time and place according to warrant March the 6th 1715/16 by me Thomas Kemball Constable for the town of Wenham.

A true coppy of the original compared

William Rogers, Town Clerk

At a leagal town meeting duely warned and convened on the 6th day March 1715/16 for choosing town officers, Ensign Samuel Kemball chose moderator.
Ensign John Gott, Benjamin Edwards, Thomas Kemball, Thomas White and William Rogers are chosen for Selectmen for the year ensueing.
William Rogers Chosen town Clerk for the year ensueing.
Lieut. John Porter chosen town treasuer for the year ensueing and sworn the same day above said.
John Moulton chosen Constable for the west end of our town for the year ensueing and sworn the same day aforesaid.
Benjamin Porter chosen Constable for the east end of our town for the year ensueing by the major part of the votes by proxey. Sworn in on the 19th day of March.
Sergent Samuel Kilham Ebenezer Batchelder chosen surveyors of highways. Said Kilham for the east end of our town and said Batchelder for the middle part of our town and both sworn the same day above said.
Joseph Hacker chosen surveyor of highways for the west end of our town and sworn the same day above said.
Caleb Kemball Nathaniel Gott and Timothy Gott chosen tithing men for the year ensueing, the said Patch sworn the same day above said.
Joseph Fowler Theophelus Rix Stephen Patch chosen fence viewers for the year ensueing and all sworn the same day above said.
John Davis and Mordica Larcom chosen to see to the observance of the law about swine.

Voted that the weekly contribution of our town shall be free and clear over pluss above the sixty pounds Salary that the town is engaged to pay to our minister.
Thomas Kemball, Benjamin Edwards, Thomas White, Ensign John Gott took the oath of Assessors on the ninth day of March 1715/16. The said Thomas Kemball, Benjamin Edwards, Ensign John Gott and Thomas White being four of the present selectmen and no other Assessor chosen.

Elizabeth Davis wife of John Davis is allowed by our selectmen to keep school to teach children to read, or knit or sew. March 6th 1715/16 in the town part and allso for the neck part of our town

Ruth Dennis

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 19th 1715/16
Benjamin Porter appointed and took the oath of Constable he being chosen there unto

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Received of Thomas Kemball of Wenham the sum of forty nine shillings 10 pence for the county rate for the year 1715 for the said town.
March 21st 1715/16 by John Appleton
County treasuer.
A Coppy of the original
Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 9th 1715/16.
Then agreed with William Rogers to keep school and keeping the meeting house and ringing the bell untill the first of next March and he is allowed for his pains the sum of three pounds. £3 00s 00d

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At a meeting of the Selectmen March 9th 1715/16
Then agreed, with that the division of the highways conserning the surveyors of highways care about mending said ways the surveyor in the town to mend so far through Claflin Swamp so called untill it comes to a stump by William Rogers fence near the causway on the south side of said swamp, the next Surveyor to do and take care of the rest.

The 7th of May 1716, at a legal town meeting duely warned and convened for the choosing of a representative and a Constable and some other buisness as is mentioned in the warrant.
Deacon William Fisk is chosen a Representative.
Ensign John Gott Chosen moderator to do the town buisness in this meeting.
Phineas Dodge chosen Constable for the east end of our town instead of Benjamin Porter who is removed out of town.
Joseph Herricks petetion was put to vote and the town would not grant it.

At a meeting of the Selectmen May 9th 1716 Phineas Dodge appeared and took the oath of Constable.

August 7th 1716 At a meeting of the Selectmen, John Davis was sworn to the office he was chosen unto at the general town meeting March last past.

July 11th 1716. At a legal town meeting duely warned and convened together on the day above said Ensign John Gott chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted to choose a committee to see what money hath been received for some time past and how it has been disposed of (for some time past) so that the town may have an account of what has become of our town money, by a report of the said committee.

Ephraim Kemball, Thomas Tarbox, John Friend, or any two of them are chosen a committee for the service above said

Voted to choose two men to join with the above said committee Viz. Ephraim Kemball Thomas Tarbox, John Friend and John Moulton and Thomas Kemball are chosen to join with the above said committee

the major part of them agreeing to adjust the accounts of all the cost and charge of our town agents and the late Selectmen have been at conserning a petetion that was against our late Selectmen to the general Court on the last year 1715 and about all the cost they were at conserning the court coming to our town on the 6th of September and about those matters, and their witnesses in that matter.

Voted to raise twenty pounds to defray the towns debts and engagements to pay our minister and representative and for the mending of the pound and other charges arising in our town.

At a meeting of the committee to adjust the accounts of the late Selectmen that was in 1714 complained of by a petetion to the great and general Court and their witnesses conserning the matter being empowered by the town as may appear by a vote more largely conserning the matter

and the said Selectmen and the town agents allso met and presented their accounts to us

and having perused the accounts of said Selectmen and the town agents and we do agree and allow unto the said Selectmen and their witnesses for all their costs and charge as followeth

to the selectmen and town agents about their cost and charge and those witnesses that went to Boston £12 01^{s} 6^{d}
and to the witnesses attending the Wenham Court the 6th of September 1715 one shilling per man. £2 01^{s} 0^{d}
These are to signify to the Selectmen what we have done in the matter. September 24th 1716.

Thomas Kemball
John Friend
Ephraim Kemball
John Moulton
Thomas Tarbox
} Committee

A Coppy of the committees return to the Selectmen compared.

Attest, William Rogers, town Clerk

And an order is drawn to the town treasuer to pay said money as may appear more largely upon record.

Received the sum of eight shillings and eight pence of Constable Phineas Dodge in full of the twenty pound rate committed to him.
I say received by me March the 12th 1716/17.

John Porter town treasuer

The above in a coppy of the original receipt.

Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk

Received of Constable John Moulton the sum of thirteen pounds and three shillings four pence in full of a list committed him the 18th day of Feb. 1716/17

John Porter town treasuer

the above is a coppy of the original Receipt.

Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham July 24th 1716 a list on poles and estates was made and committed unto Constable John Moulton that was belonging unto his ward amounting unto the sum thirteen pounds three shillings and four pence £13 03^{s} 4^{d} and allso a list is made and committed unto Phineas Dodge Constable on poles and estates belonging unto his ward amounting to nine pounds eighteen shillings eight pence £9 18^{s} 8^{d} with warrants anexed to each list to collect and pay in the same at, on or before the

last day of August next coming after the date hereof in unto our town treasuer or selectmen or whom they shall appoint to receive the same.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham September 1716 in pursuance of a warrant from the County treasuer there is two distinct lists made on poles and estates in said Wenham Viz. To Constable John Moulton a list whereof he is to pay in unto the Country treasuer as by his warrant he is directed the sum of £32 04^s 10^d and there is allowed him for collecting the sum of fourpence per pound £0 13^s 8^d and the remainder of said list is to be paid to our town treasuer or Selectmen or their order, the sum of £8 09^s 2^d.

and a list committed unto Constable Phineas Dodge whereof he is to pay the Country treasuer as by his list £32 00^s 00^d the overpluss is five shillings and 4 pence is allowed him for collecting the same and allowed for lost money, the whole of said Moultons list is the sum of £41 07^s 08^d

the whole of said Dodges list is the sum of £32 5^s 4^d.

November 5th 1716. At a legal town meeting duely warned and convened Capt. Thomas Fisk chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted to raise the sum of ninety pounds to defray and pay our towns debts for the year ensueing and present Charges.

The question being put to the town wether the Grape vine bridge and the bridge at Mr. Daniel Dodges and the causway belonging and near thereto are high enough for the towns use or no, voted on the affirmative.

On the 4th of December 1716 then received of Mr. John Porter treasuer, for the town of Wenham on account of my Salary due to me from said town of Wenham for the year 1715 in full I say received by me six pounds Eleven shillings and 3 pence

Joseph Gerrish

The above is a coppy of the original receipt.

Attest, William Rogers, town Clerk

Wenham the 11th day of the 8th month then received of Constable Thomas Kemball the sum of two pounds in full of his town rate by me. John Porter, Town Clerk.

A coppy of the original, Attest William Rogers T. Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen November the 30th 1716 A rate was made in two lists for the paying of our town debts and engagements. Viz.

A list amounting to the sum of forty nine pounds 6 shillings and eight pence. £49 6s 8d committed unto Constable John Moulton to be paid in unto our town treasuer at or before the last day of January next coming after the date hereof and 17 cords of wood to be paid in unto Mr. Joseph Gerrish at or before the first day of March next coming after the date hereof.

And a list allso committed unto Constable Phineas Dodge amounting to the sum of thirty eight pounds fourteen shillings ten pence £38 14s 10d and 13 cords of wood to be paid in unto Mr. Joseph Gerrish all to be paid both money and wood to the persons above named at the time above mentioned respectfully, each persons proportion of wood is set down against their names in both lists and a warrant is annexed to each list for their direction of payment and time and to whom.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 12th 1716/17 it is taken notice by them that this folio is 67 both one which is being added to the whole book with 144 makes 145 folio's.

Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk

We whose names are hereunto subscribed have divided our parts in the fifth division at the east end of our town having as may appear upon record that the one half of the said division that layeth next to the sixth division and We have divided as followeth, Viz.

the first lot is to Stephen Patch in the right of his brother, Thomas Patch the one eighth part of the said division laying next Phillip Legodys Lot easterly of said lot and untill it cometh to a red oak marked with a heap of stones about it near Obers line thence to a stake and heap of stones half way to Haggetts line and at the road half the way to Haggetts line.

The second lot is to Thomas Patch the remaider of said division that layeth between the first lot and Henry Higgins lot untill it cometh to a white oak marked on four sides with a heap of stones about it.

The third lot is to Thomas Patch in the right of Charles Gott Junr and it is the one half of the remainder of the one half which two eights part of said fifth division and the other half whish is the one half eighth part of said division and is to Thomas Edwards in the right of Tobias Trow which is the fourth lot as witness our hands on this eighth day of March 1716/17

Thomas Patch
Stephen Patch
Thomas Patch O his mark

The above is truly entered
Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk

March the 18th 1716/17. Received of Constable John Moulton the sum of forty nine pounds six shillings and eight pence a town rate committed to him to collect and five shillings he received as a fine from John Dodge 5^{s} 0. £49 6^{s} 08. Received by me.

John Porter town treasuer

The above is a true entry,
Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

At a legal general Town meeting duely warned and convened on the 19th day of March in the year 1716/17 to choose town officers,

Ensign John Gott chosen Moderator for this meeting.

Benjamin Edwards Ensign John Gott Thomas Kemball Thomas White and William Rogers chosen selectmen for the year ensueing.

William Rogers chosen town clerk for the year ensueing

Lieut. John Porter chosen town treasurer for the year ensueing.

Theophelus Fisk chosen Constable for the west end of our town.

Daniel Batchelder chosen Constable for the east end of our town.

Thomas Tarbox chosen surveyor of highways for the west part of our town.

Samuel Porter chosen surveyor of highways at the middle part of our town.
Thomas White chosen surveyor of highways for the east end of our town.
Jonathan Moulton Rice Knowlton and Nathaniel Brown are chosen surveyors of fences.
John Berry John Edwards and Joseph Edwards chosen tithing men.
Benjamin Edwards chosen sealer of leather and sworn the same day abovesaid.
Stephen Patch and Robert Symonds are chosen to se to the observance of laws about Swine.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 19th 1716/17
William Rogers sworn to the office of town clerk.
Theophelus Fisk and David Batchelder both sworn to the office of Constable.
Thomas Tarbox Samuel Porter Thomas White are all sworn to the office of Surveyors of highways each for his division.
Nathaniel Brown Rice Knowlton sworn to the office of fence viewers.
Robert Symonds sworn to the office to se and observe about the law about swine.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 21st 1716/17 the selectmen appeared and took the oaths of assessors.
John Berry appeared and was sworn to the office of tithing man, Joseph Edwards sworn do.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 21st 1717 then agreed with William Rogers to keep school for the town of Wenham for the space of one year next coming after the date hereof to teach persons to read write and cypher.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 21st 1716/17 then agreed with William Rogers to ring the bell and keep the meeting house untill the first day of next March coming after the date hereof and do agree to allow him out of the town treasuery the sum of three pounds for his labour in the work.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 21st 1716/17 then it is agreed upon the mending of the highways from the straights untill it comes to a Stump on the west side of the Causway in the swamp next to Samuel Kilhams land the stump standing in William Rogers Fence is to belong to

the town part or Surveyor to mend the remainder to the east end of our town or Surveyor.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham on the 7th day of May 1717 assembled and met to choose a man to represent the town at the great and general Court for the year ensueing.
William Rogers chosen Representative.
Capt. Thomas Fisk chosen moderator for the meeting, about the pound the question being put to the town wether the town will build a new pound or no and the town voted on the affirmative.

Voted to make the pound in some new place.

Voted that town empower the Selectmen that |they shall se to the building of said pound| and where to set said pound.

At a meeting of the Selectmen May the 7th 1717 then Mr. John Porter of Wenham was sworn to the office of town treasuer he being chosen thereunto at our general town meeting in March last past.

At a meeting of the Selectmen September the 9th then the said Selectmen ordered the town clerk to draw a warrant to the Constable Theophelus Fisk to warn Mary Whipple out of town and that she depart and leave the town she being a resident at the house of Robert Symonds as it is reported and also to notify said Symonds that he do not entertain her or any thing that is hers. And accordingly a warrant was sent bearing date on the 9th of September 1717 to said Constable Theophelus Fisk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen September the 18th 1717 then the said Selectmen ordered the town Clerk to draw a warrant to warn Elinor Williams out of town by Constable David Batchelder that she depart and leave the town she being at the house of Mr. Daniel Dodges a resident as is reported for about a month past and allso to notify Mr. Dodge or any person, they do not entertain her or any thing that is hers and accordingly a warrant was sent to Constable David Batchelder on the 23rd of September 1717.

Received of Mr. Nathaniel Gott Constable for the town of Wenham for the year 1713 the several proportions of wood as mentioned in the rate, I say received by me Joseph Gerrish 12th 10th month 1717.

The above is a coppy of the original receipt

Attest. William Rogers, Town Clerk.

At a legal town meeting legally and duely warned and convened on this 7th day of October 1717.

Voted to raise eighty pounds to defray our towns debts this year it was put to vote wether the town would fence the burying ground by itself and it was voted in the affirmative.

It was put to vote wether the town will choose a committee of 3 men to settle the bounds of our burying place and to take care and to see and get it fenced with a stone wall by itself. Voted on the affirmative. Ensign John Gott Benjamin Edwards Ephraim Kimball Chosen a committee for to do said buisness as above.

It is agreed upon by the town and voted that any person or persons shall have the liberty to do his part of fencing said burying place agreeing with the committee then proportioning their part to do if done in time by said Committee and it is proportioned according to the Country rate made this year 1717: and if any person or persons shall neglect or refuse to do their proportion within the time that shall be set by said Committee then he or they to pay his parts by the rate made according to the country taxes made this year 1717:

Voted that for the time to come hereafter that whatsoever overpluss shall happen to be in our country taxes or list more than for paying our province treasuer at any time shall be ordered by our assessors that the constables or collectors shall pay in the same to our town treasuer for the towns use.

Voted to Allow the Constable 4 per cent pr pound for collecting the country tax and the towns rate allso and no more.

At a meeting of the selectmen September the 18th 1717 two distinct lists was made and committed to each Constable Viz.

To Constable Theophelus Fisk a list amounting unto £40 04s 00d whereof he is to pay unto the country treasuer the sum of £33 15s 8d and the sum of six pounds 7s 4d to

our town treasuer or selectmen or their order the rest is for collecting which is * *
To Constable David Batchelder a list amounting to the sum of thirty pounds 18^{s} 6^{d} and pay to the country treasuer £28 00^{s} 00^{d} and to our selectmen or their order the sum of £2 18^{s} 6^{d} and the remainder is for collecting which is *

At a meeting of the Selectmen Dec. 9th 1717 then appointed and agreed with Mr. Thomas Kemball Senr to see and observe that the laws be kept as the law hath reference unto, and he is to have such allowance as said Kemball and Selectmen shall agree hereafter.

At a meeting of the Selectmen Dec. 4th 1717 two distinct lists was made and is committed unto the Constables of Wenham with warrants annexd unto said lists dated on the 9th day of December aforesaid Viz. to Constable Theophelus Fisk a list amounting to the sum of forty eight pounds three shillings and two pence to be paid in unto our town treasuer at or before the last day of January next coming after the date hereof, and 17 cords of wood to be paid in unto Mr. Joseph Gerrish at or before the last day of March next coming after the date hereof.

And to Constable David Batchelder a list amounting to the sum of thirty six pounds thirteen shillings and two pence £36 13^{s} 2^{d} and to make payment of the same at or before the first day of January next after the date hereof and 13 cords of wood to be paid in unto Mr. Joseph Gerrish at or before the last day of March next coming after the date hereof the whole is £84 16^{s} 4^{d}

Received of Mr. John Porter town treasuer for the town of Wenham on account of my Sallery due to me from said town for the year 1716 in receipts and bills of credit the sum of thirty six pounds eight shillings and one penney by me Joseph Gerrish March 18th 1717 and on the 19th day of said month received on the account above said from the above said treasuer in receipts and bills of credit fourteen pounds thirteen shillings and three pence by me Joseph Gerrish.

17th June 1717 Received by Mr. John Porter town treasuer for the town of Wenham on account of my salary due to me from said town for the year 1716 in Receipts

and bills of credit the sum of seven pounds thirteen shillings and eight pence in full for my Salary of sixty pounds. I say received by me Joseph Gerrish. The above is a coppy of the original receipts.

Attest, William Rogers T. Clerk.

Received of Lieut Porter treasuer for the town of Wenham on account of my Salary due to me from said town above said for the year 1717 the sum of sixty pounds in full by me

Joseph Gerrish

March 9th 1718/19. A coppy of the original compared

Attest William Rogers T. Clerk.

Received of Lieut. Porter town treasuer the sum of three pounds nine shillings and two pence for the County rate for the town of Wenham. Received March 4. 1717

John Appleton, County treasurer

The above is a coppy of the original receipt

Attest. William Rogers, Town Clerk.

We whose names are hereunto subscribed have divided as followeth being propritors and purchasers of the sixth division in the great swamp laying on the west side of the highway. beginning on the north side of said lot.

To Theophelus Fisk the first lot in the original right of John Perkins about three poles and six foot wide at the highway and at the great meadow about three poles and ½.

The 2nd lot is to Benjamin Fisk in the right of William Rogers.

The 3rd lot is to John Gott Junr in the right of Thomas Patch Senr originally.

And the 4th lot is to Joseph Herrick originally Charles Gott Junr and the 5th lot is to Tobias Trow in his own right. The 6th lot is to Thomas Tarbox in the right of Stephen Patch originally.

The 7th lot is to David Batchelder in the right of Richard Dodge originally. The 8th lot is to Theophelus Rix in the right of Daniel Kilham originally. all the above said lots to be about 3 poles and 6 feet wide at the highway, to be the same breadth at the great meadow three poles and ½ wide as the first lot is above mentioned all to be

of equal breadth and are all staked out and marked and in confirmation hereof we have set our hands

January the 29th 1717/18

	his
Joseph Herrick,	Tobias + Trow
	mark
Thomas Tarbox,	John Gott Junr
Theophelus Rix,	David Batchelder

March 4th 1717/18.

At a legal General Town meeting duely warned and convened to choose town officers Ensign John Gott chosen moderator for this meeting.

Ensign John Gott, Thomas Kimball Benjamin Edwards Thomas White William Rogers are chosen Selectmen for the year ensueing.

Lieut. John Porter chosen Town treasuer and sworn the same day.

John Kemball chosen Constable for the west end of our town. Hutton Goldsmith Chosen Constable for the east end of our town. Joseph Dodge chosen surveyor of highways for the middle of the town Sargent John Batchelder chosen surveyor of highways for the west end of our town. Daniel Claflin chosen surveyor for the east end of our town for the year ensueing.

Walter Fairfield Junr, Benjamin Fisk and Phineas Dodge are chosen surveyors of fences for the year ensueing.

Mr. Daniel Dodge, John Friend Ebenezer Batchelder are chosen tithing men for the year ensueing.

Nathaniel Gott chosen Sealer of weights and measures for the year ensueing.

Sergt. Benjamin Edwards chosen Sealer of Leather for the year ensueing.

Thomas Tarbox Samuel Porter William Dodge Chosen to observe that the laws about Swine be kept.

It was put to vote wether the town would grant any liberty to any person or persons to do his or their part in fencing the burying Place with posts and boards instead of Stone.

Voted. on the affirmative but is left to the committee to order when and how and when as in the former vote as may appear and voted and entered in folio 70th not to hinder Committees power to perform said work and buisness.

March 4th 1717/18

At a meeting of the Selectmen William Rogers was sworn to the office of Town Clerk. Lieut. John Porter was sworn to the office of town treasuer. John Kemball and Hutton Goldsmith was sworn to the office Constables and at the same time Joseph Dodge Sargent John Batchelder, Daniel Claflin, Walter Fairfield, Benjamin Fisk, Phineas Dodge, Mr. Daniel Dodge, John Friend, Ebenezer Batchelder Nathaniel Gott, Benjamin Edwards, Thomas Tarbox, Samuel Porter and William Dodge all appeared on the day above said and took the respective oaths to the respective offices whereunto they were chosen as above.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham March 10th 1717/18 the Selectmen appeared and took the oath of Assessors.

At the meeting of the Selectmen then agreed with William Rogers to keep school for the year ensueing from the date above said, Allso at the same time agreed with William Rogers to ring the bell and keep the meeting house and he to have three pounds for the same. for his pains.

At the same time agreed with Nathaniel Gott to build a new pound and bring in the cost to the selectmen and the Selectmen Ordered William Rogers to procure a bell rope.

We whose names are hereunto subscribed being now the propritors of the ninth division on the east side of the highway in the great swamp have divided it as followeth. the first lot is to John Herrick bounding upon the eighth division beginning at a maple tree marked eight and so by said division untill it cometh to Joseph Dodges meadow then as the meadow goith to a maple marked standing at the west corner of said meadow then turning westwardly as the fence now standeth to a maple marked Standing in the fence then turning a little more westwardly to a stake Which is (here the record ends)

Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Dodge of Wenham in the County of Essex in the province of Massachusetts bay in New England husbandman do grant liberty to the town of Wenham to set up a pound on the land of mine at the end of my orchard next to Capt Fisks land and do for myself my heirs Executors administrators acquit claim unto the said land on which the pound now stands

so long as the said town shall keep up a pound in that place where it now standeth, only part of it Standeth on the highway as witness my hand and seal on this sixth day of May 1718.

Joseph Dodge
Samuel Kemball
Thomas Tarbox

April 23rd 1718 then the Selectmen met and agreed and gave order to Constable John Kemball that he should procure weights and measures for the towns use to be at the towns charge.

May the 6th day 1718. At a legal Town meeting to choose a representative William Rogers chosen Representative for the year ensuing.
Capt. Thomas Fisk Chosen Moderator for the meeting.
Voted to Cover the platform of our meeting house with lead.
Voted to choose a committee to consider what shall be thought best to make the platform of our meeting house tiped with lead or otherwise.

Ensign John Gott William Dodge and Deacon John Friend Are Chosen to be a committee for said work.
Voted. to choose Capt. Thomas Fisk Ensign John Gott Mr. Ephraim Kemball Benjamin Edwards and William Dodge to be a committee to place some persons in our meeting house as may be thought needfull.

At a meeting of the Selectmen May 6th 1718 then Mr. Joseph Dodge is appointed to be the keeper of the pound untill another be appointed in his room.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham May the 6th 1718
Then desired and empowered and appointed Benjamin Edwards Thomas Kemball Sen. & Thomas Kemball Junr and John Moulton or any two of them are to purambelate and renew the bounds between our town of Wenham and the town of Beverly with such gentlemen as the Selectmen of said Beverly shall appoint for the same and to meet at the house of Mr. John Herrick of Wenham at about 10 of the clock on the 23rd day of said May in the forenoon on said day as is mentioned in their notification to them sent.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham on May the 6th 1718. Then appointed and empowered and desired Ensign John Gott William Rogers Benjamin Fisk John Gott Jun. or any two of them to settle purambulate and renew the bounds between the town of Wenham and Topsfield with such gentlemen as said Topsfield Selectmen shall appoint for the same on the 23rd of said May at about ten of the clock on said day in the forenoon to meet at the white oak tree, a bounds between Wenham and Salem and Topsfield or at the Causway near the clay pitts as is mentioned in the notification to them sent.

Gent. Salem April 9th 1718.

These serve to notify you that the Selectmen of Salem pursuant to the law of this province have appointed the persons hereafter named or any two of them with such as you shall appoint to purambulate and renew the bounds between the towns of Salem and Wenham and are to meet at the house of Mr. Samuel Porter on Monday the twenty Eighth of April Instant at eight of the Clock in the morning for that endl.

By order of the Selectmen
Jonathan Putman Jun
Samuel Porter
James Lindell
Samuel Tuck
dated Febuary 1681
John Gott
Thomas Tarbox
The above is a true
entry of the original
Attest William Rogers
Town Clerk

T. Barton Town clerk
Met according to the
within notice and orders
and renewed the bounds
according to the former
Settlement and purambulation.
April 28th 1718 as witness
our hands
Samuel Porter
Jonathan Putman Junr

In answer to the notification we received from the Selectmen of Wenham We have appointed Capt. John How Thomas Town John Curtis John Dwinells or any two of them to meet with those gentlemen that Wenham Selectmen shall appoint to purambulate on the bounds between Wenhan and Topsfield and we do hereby give them full power to purambulate and renew bounds as aforesaid as the law directs dated in Topsfield May 19th 1718 by order of the Selectmen of Topsfield.

Nathaniel Porter, Town Clerk

May 23rd 1718 We whose names are underwritten being appointed and empowered to purambulate and renew bounds between Wenham and Topsfield by our respective towns. We have met and purambulated the bounds and renewed the bounds at the Maple, and so as the brook runs by an old Maple Stubb by the way going over into the meadows to a Stake and heap of Stones in the brook then to the corner of Pidgions meadows So to the river according to the Settlement of our town 1694 then from the said Maple towards the Causway to the tree mentioned in the agreement between our towns 1682 which bounds we do agree unto.

John How Thomas Town John Dwinell John Curtis	Topsfield	John Gott William Rogers	Wenham

A true entree of the original

Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk

This is to certify to whom it may concern that the Selectmen of Beverly have desired and empowered Mr. Samuel Herrick Samuel Corning Senr Joseph Herrick Jun. Nathaniel Raymond and Henery Herrick Jun. or any three of them to meet with the gentlemen appointed by the Selectmen of Wenham at the house of Mr. John Herrick of Wenham on the 23rd day of this Instant May by 10 of the clock in the morning and with them on said day to purambulate the line and renew said bounds between the said towns of Wenham and Beverly according to former purambulation — By order of the Selectmen.

Beverly May 7th 1718. Robert Woodbury Town Clerk.

May 23rd 1718 We whose names are under written being appointed by our respective towns have met and renewed the bounds between our towns begining at the white Oak in Mr. Nathaniel Raymond Pasture marked with W and B and a heap of stones about it and from thence to a white Oak tree marked with W and B at Alford's hill with a heap of stones about it and from thence to a Stake and heap of stones about it by Longham meadow and from thence to a Stake and heap of stones about it by the easterly side of Racoon Marsh and from thence to a yellow Oak marked with W and B with a heap of stones about it and

from thence to a white oak marked with W and B. and Stones about it and thence turning to a white Oak standing upon gravelly Ridge marked with W and B and stones about it and from thence to a white oak at Prisbetes corner so called and from thence by Capt. Wests bounds to a white oak Stub formerly a white Oak tree marked with W and B and stones about it and now a little pine bush in the heep of Stones the bounds of Manchester and Wenham

For Wenham Interchangebly

{ Thomas Kimball
Benjamin Edwards
John Moulton }

{ Beverly
Nathaniel Raymond
Samuel Herrick
Joseph Herrick }

The above is a true entry of the original.

Attest William Rogers Town C.

£4 5^{s} 0^{d} Boston Nov. 15th 1721.

Received of Mr. Stephen Patch Constable of Wenham four pounds five shillings in full Receved for Mr. James Taylor

A true coppy as above,

Attest William Rogers, T. Clerk.

Boston Sept. 12th 1716. Treo^{re} Lillie Receved of Mr. Richard Fowler Constable of Wenham by Mr. Samuel Kemball seven pounds and 8 shillings one penny in full for my master Jeremiah Allen Treasuer £7 8^{d} 1^{s}.

The above is a coppy of the original Receipt pr. Jonathen Gooch

Attest William Rogers, Town Clerk

Sept. 24th 1716. Then reckoned and accounted with Constable Richard Fowler about all the rates committed to him to collect in 1715 and then received of said constable the sum of three pounds and seven shillings and eight pence which is in full of all he was to pay me the whole sum was £44 7^{s} 2^{d} as witness my hand.

A true entre of the original Recpt.

John Porter Treasuer

Attest William Rogers T. Clerk.

Boston Oct. 30th 1717. Received of Mr. Phineas Dodge Constable of Wenham fifteen pounds four shillings in full for my master Jeremiah Allen Treasuer pr. Jonathan Gooch.

A true entree of the original receipt
Attest William Rogers T. Clerk.

Received of Mr. Samuel Kemball the wood proportioned in the wood rate for 1711 due to me for said year 7th of August 1718 by me Joseph Gerrish.

A true coppy of the original receipt
Attest William Rogers, Town Clerk

This may certify Mr. Thomas Kimball Jun. has gathered my wood rate due in his ward for 1715 and I aquit him with my hand this 6th of August 1718

A true entree of the original Receipt.
Joseph Gerrish
Attest. William Rogers, Town Clerk

Aug. 6th 1718 I aquit Mr. John Moulton Constable for the town of Wenham for the year 1716 as to the rate for the wood in his ward as witness my hand
Joseph Gerrish

A true coppy of the original Receipt
Attest. William Rogers, Town Clerk.

Oct. 14th 1718 At a legal town meeting duely warned to raise money for to pay our town debts Deacon William Fisk chosen moderator for this meeting. Voted to raise Eighty five pounds to defray our towns debts arising in the same.

At a meeting of the Selectmen September the 29th 1718 two distinct lists was made and committed unto the Constables Viz.

A list is committed unto Constable John Kemball Amounting unto the Sum of £27 15s 3d whereoff he is to pay unto the Country treasuer the Sum of £22 12s 2d and the sum of £5 3s 1d to our town treasuer as he shall have order from our Selectmen

And a list committed unto Hutton Goldsmith he is to pay unto the Country treasuer the sum of £23 00^{s} 0^{d} — the remainder is for his collecting.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham December — 1718. Two distinct lists were made and committed unto the Constables of Wenham with warrants annex'd unto said lists Viz.

To Constable John Kimball a list to be paid unto our town treasuer £51 10^{s} 2^{d} by the last of January or the first day of Febuary after the date hereoff and the several proportions of wood that are set down against each persons name.

And a list is committed unto Hutton Goldsmith which he is to pay in unto our town treasuer by the time perfixed abovesaid amounting to the sum of £39 1^{s} 2^{d} and each persons proportion of wood that is set down against his name which sums of wood and all the above said wood is to be paid in unto Mr. Joseph Gerrish at or before the last day March next coming as per the date hereoff as is more at large expressed

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And an order was sent to our town treasurer to call for the respective sums above mentioned and to make payment therof as he shall receive orders from the Selectmen.

the sums amounting to in all £95 14^{s} 5^{d}.

To the Gentlemen Selectmen of Wenham

These are to desire you to appoint some Sutible persons to meet at the usuall place those persons that are appointed by the Selectmen of Ipswich on the 28 day of October Instant at seven of the clock on said day to perambulate the line between said towns if that day be foul weather then the next fair day dated this 17th of October 1718.

The above is a coppy of the original letter

Attest. William Rogers, Town Clerk.

We whose names are hereunto subscribed being appointed by the Selectmen of the town of Ipswich and the Selectmen of the town of Wenham to purambulate the line between said towns in order thereto met on the 28th of October at the Center tree and did perambulate upon said line and

renewed the bounds in said line as witness our hands the day above said.

For Wenham	For Ipswich
Nathaniel A. Brown	Nathaniel Goodhue
Walter Fairfield	John Whipple
	W. M. Giddings

The above is a coppy of the original
Attest. William Rogers, Town Clerk.

Boston Nov. 7th 1718. Received of Mr. Theophelus Fisk Constable of Wenham by William Rogers twelve pounds fifteen shillings and eight pence in full for my master Jeremiah Allen Treasuer pr. Jonathan Gooch £12 15s 8d.
This is a coppy of the original receipt
William Rogers, Town Clerk

I aquit Mr. David Batchelder Constable of Wenham from the wood rate he was to gather for me for the year 1717
March 2nd 1718/19 Joseph Gerrish
Attest. William Rogers, Town Clerk.
Boston May 28th 1718. Received of Mr. David Batchelder Constable for Wenham by Mr. Jonathan Kimball twenty eight pounds in full for my master Jeremiah Allen Treasuer pr. Jonathan Gooch
The above is a coppy of the original Receipt
William Rogers, Town Clerk

A Coppy of the bounds between Salem and Wenham Viz. beginning at a white Oak tree the Northerly end of Wenham Causway marked with S. W. and T. with a heap of stones about it and so to a stake and heap of stones and so to an old dry black Oak tree with a heap of stones about it from thence to a white Oak tree marked with S and W which being the Southerly bounds of John Leaches farm and so to Salem & Wenham and Beverly corner bounds marked with S. W. and B with a heap of stones about it.
this is a coppy of the directions given by the Selectmen of Salem to the men to perambulate by.
To Messrs. Samuel Ruck James Lindell Jonathan Putman Jun. and Samuel Porter.

These serve to notify you that the Selectmen have appointed or either two of you pursuant to the law of this province to perambulate and renew the bounds between the towns of Salem and Wenham with such persons as the Selectmen of Wenham shall appoint and are to meet on Monday the 28th of April instant at the house of Samuel Porter at eight of the clock in the morning for that end and make return of your doings the above is a coppy of said bounds Salem April 14th 1718 by order of the Selectmen

T. Barton Town Clerk or power

A coppy of the original letter and directions as above

Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk

February 27th 1718 and 19 upon complaint made to the Selectmen of Wenham by several of the inhabitants of said town against Robert Symonds of said town that he doeth live as a common tipler misspending his time and Estate at the tavern greatly to the damage of his family, These are therefore to give notice to the tavern Keeper that he do not entertain him in his house or in his dependence to sit tipling or misspending his time upon the pennalty of the law in such cases made and provided by Order of the Selectmen.

A coppy of the above was posted on the 2nd day of March 1718-19

William Rogers Town Clerk

July the 20th 1716. At a meeting of the committee appointed by the town to se what money has been raised at Sundry times past and how it hath been disposed of. We having looked over the accounts and we find the Sum of money that has been raised for some time past and we find an account of the money paid to whom and for what and when and a good account kept and the money disposed of according to the towns order excepting 11 shillings mis cast in reckoning with Mr. Joseph Herrick town treasuer in the year 1715 compared

John Friend
Thomas Tarbox } Committee

Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk

To the Selectmen of Wenham this may certify you that we the Subscribers do appoint to renew the bounds between our said towns namely of Wenham & Manchester on the 30th day of April currant and to meet at the white oak near gardners lot marked with W and M at eleven of the clock in the forenoon if fair weather or on the next fair day at the time and place aforesaid dated in April the 12th day 1717.

John Lay
Robert Leach } Select
Thomas Pitman

A coppy compared. William Rogers, Town Clerk

We whose names are hereunto Subscribed being appointed to perambulate bounds between Manchester and Wenham have met together and have renewed the bounds namly the white oak Stub marked with W. and M. a heap of stones about it and Dodges Stump so called and have renewed the other range bounds April 30th 1717 witness our hands

Wenham	Manchester
Thomas White	Samuel Woodbury
Rice Knowlton	John Day
William Roger	John Lay

The above is truely entered

Attest William Rogers, Town Clerk

We whose names are underwritten being now propritors together in the first division in the great Swamp on the west side of the highway next Ipswich line at the west end of our town have agreed and divided as followeth

begining next Ipswich line and have divided said division into eight lotts.

the first lot next the Ipswich line is to Richard Fowler and is in the right of his grandfather Richard Hutton and is at the highway 3 poles and 14 feet wide and next the meadow it is three poles and six feet wide.

The second lot is to the heirs of Richard Kemball deceased in the right of Robert Symonds Senr originally and at the highway it is three poles and fourteen feet wide and at the meadow it is three poles and six feet wide.

The third lot is to Joseph Fowler and at the highway is three poles and fourteen feet wide and at the meadow it is three poles and six feet wide.

The fourth lot is to the heirs of said Richard Kemball deceased and at the highway it is three poles and fourteen feet wide and at the meadow it is three poles and six foot wide and is in the right of Robert Symonds Junr.

The fifth lot is to Joseph Hacker and at the highway it is three poles and fourteen feet wide and at the meadow it is three poles and six foot wide.

The sixth lot is to Thomas Kimball and in the right of Capt. Thomas Fisk Senr and at the highway is three poles and fourteen feet wide and at the meadow it is three poles and six feet wide.

The seventh lot is to David Batchelder and at the highway is three poles wide and fourteen feet wide and at the meadow it is three poles and six feet wide.

The eight lot is to Ensign Walter Fairfield and at the Highway is three poles wide and fourteen feet and at the meadow it is three poles and six feet wide.

And the several lots are staked out with ranging stakes for some past as witness our hands on this sixth day of January in the year of our lord 1717 & 18

Walter Fairfield — Thomas Kemball

his

Joseph O Hacker — Samuel Kemball

mark

Richard Fowler — David Batchelder

March the 3rd 1718 & 19

At a legal town meeting duely warned and convened to choose town officers, Ensign John Gott chosen moderator for this meeting.

Ensign John Gott, Benjamin Edwards Deacon Ephraim Kemball, Mr. Daniel Dodge and William Rogers are chosen Selectmen for the ensueing year.

William Rogers chosen Town Clerk for the ensueing year.

Theophelus Rix chosen Town treasuer for the ensueing year

Richard Leach Chosen Constable for the west end of our town. Walter Fairfield chosen Constable for the year ensueing for the east end of the town.

Benjamin Edwards Daniel Fisk Zacheus Goldsmith are chosen surveyors of highways and are sworn the day above said. John Moulton Thomas Edwards Nathaniel A. Brown are chosen fence viewers and all sworn the same day.

Samuel Porter John Batchelder Simon Patch are chosen Tithing men and all are sworn the same day.

Thomas Tarbox chosen Sealer of measuers & weights and sworn on the same day.
Phineas Dodge and David Batchelder chosen to see to the observance of the law about swine and sworn on the same day. Benjamin Edwards chosen Sealer of Leather.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the day above said William Rogers, Theophelus Rix and Walter Fairfield Richard Leach all appeared before the Selectmen on the day above said and took their respective Oaths belonging to the respective offices whereto they are chosen

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Received of Constable David Batchelder the sum of thirty nine pounds Eleven shillings and eight pence in full which I was to call for in the year 1717 March the 3rd 1719

John Porter town treasuer

The above is a coppy of the original receipt.

Attest William Rogers T. Clerk.

Received of Mr. William Rogers upon the account of the town treasuer of Wenham the sum of four pounds and twelve shillings and two pence in full for the County rate for the town of Wenham. Ipswich March 17th 1718/19

John Appleton, County treasuer

The above is a coppy of the original Receipt.

William Rogers T. Clerk

March 9th 1718/19 Then Benjamin Edwards Ephraim Kemball John Gott and Mr. Daniel Dodge all appeared and took the oath of Assesors.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 9th 1718-9 I then agreed with Mr. Daniel Dodge to keep school for the town of Wenham and allso agreed with William Rogers to keep school for the town of Wenham and each of them to have sixpence pr head or person that shall be sent to them or to either of them per week for their consideration respectfully.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 9th 1718-9
Then ordered Constable Walter Fairfield to procure one half bushell one peck and one ½ peck and a pair of scales upon the towns charge and so have them sealed as the law directs.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 9th 1718-9 then agreed with William Rogers to keep the meeting house and ring the bell untill the first day of March next coming after the date hereof and he is to have three pounds for It. And on the same day above said sold to David Batchelder the old one half bushell and ½ peck that was the towns Standard for 2 shillings which he then paid to the towns treasuer for the towns use

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December 1st 1718 Received of Constable Theophelus Fisk forty five pounds three shillings and five pence in part of a town rate Received by me
John Porter Town Treasuer
A coppy of the original receipt
Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

Received of Constable Fisk two pounds in bills of credit by me John Porter Town treasuer
Oct. 8th 1718. A coppy of the original receipt.
Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

Received of the Selecmen one half bushell and one half peck and one pair of scales and five brass weights.
I say received by me Thomas Tarbox
May 4th 1719—Received in full the sum of three pounds and six shillings of Constable John Kemball of the rate of which I was to receive of him I say received by me
Theophelus Rix Town treasuer.
Truely compared, Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

May 4th 1719 At a legal town meeting to choose a representative for the year ensueing William Rogers chosen Representative.

July 10th 1719 At a legal town meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham to choose a Constable and a committee to settle the bounds with Salem that last and sometime part have been perambulated.

Capt. Thomas Fisk chosen moderator for this meeting John Porter Junr Chosen Constable for the west end of our town for the remaining part of the year.

Voted to choose a committee to defend the town in any action or actions in any court or courts whatsoever that shall or is commenced against our town of Wenham by

the town of Salem in what nature soever and to have full power to settle the bounds between Wenham and Salem all during the Towns pleasure the settlement to be final for ever. Capt. Thomas Fisk chosen one of the committee.

William Rogers chosen for one of the committee

William Dodge chosen for one of the committee for the service above said or any two of them agreeing.

At a legal town meeting October the 19th 1719 of the inhabitants of Wenham to raise money to defray the towns debts and engagements. Benjamin Edwards chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted to raise the sum of ninety pounds to defray the towns debts and charges and engagements arising in the same for the year ensueing.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham September 21st 1719. There was two distinct lists completed and sign'd. Viz. a list to Constable Walter Fairfield amounting to the sum of eleven pounds three shillings £11 3s 0d whereof he is to pay unto the County treasuer the sum of Eleven £11 0s 0d pounds the 3 shillings is towards his gathering the money.

A list to Constable John Porter amounting to the sum of thirteen pounds sixteen shillings and ten pence £13 16s 10d whereof he is to pay to the Country treasuer the sum of seven pounds twelve shillings and five pence £7 12s 5d and he is to pay to our town treasuer the sum of six pounds and four shillings &c. at or before the last of January next after the date hereof that part that belongs to the towns use.

At a meeting of the selectmen of Wenham on November the 6th 1719 then a town rate was completed and commited. unto the constables of our town. Viz.

to Constable John Porter a list was committed to him amounting to fifty seven pound £57 10s to be paid unto our town treasuer at ot before the last day of January next coming after the date hereof and to collect and pay in the sum of 17 cords of wood with Mr. Joseph Gerrish at or before the last day of Febuary next after the date hereoff. And a list committed to Constable Walter Fairfield amounting to the sum of forty five pounds eighteen shillings

Eleven pence £45 18^{s} 11^{d} and to collect and pay the sum of thirteen cord of wood to be paid in unto Mr. Joseph Gerrish on or before the last day of Febuary next coming after the date hereof.
And the said sum of money is to be brought in unto our town treasuer at or before the last day of January next coming after the date hereof.

there being overpluss in the wood rate committed unto Constable John Porter the sum of 16 foot which is allowed to him towards his collecting at the rate of twelve pence per foot in part pay for collecting rates.
And there being in Constable Walter Fairfields list overpluss in his list of wood 23 foot which is allowed him in part for his collecting the rates at 12 pence pr. foot for the year ensueing.

December 17th 1719 — Received of Mr. Hutton Goldsmith Constable of Wenham by Mr. William Rogers thirteen pounds ten shillings and sixpence in full for my master Jeremiah Allen Trea. pr. Jonathan Gooch

The above receipt is a coppy of the original Receipt
Attest William Rogers, Town clerk

Received in full the sum of three pounds and six shillings of Constable John Kemball of the rate which I was to receive of him Nov. 16th 1719 I say received by me
Theophelus Rix Trea.
The above is a true coppy,
Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

January the 7th 1719/20

Att a legal Town meeting duely warned to consider and see what the town will vote to pay towards the paying for the Honored Mr. Joseph Gerrish's final charges.

Capt. Thomas Fisk chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted to Allow Something.

Voted to pay towards our Honored Pastor's final charges the sum of twenty pounds.

At a legal town meeting on Febuary the 26th 1719/20 duely warned and assembled

Ensign John Gott Chosen for this meeting Moderator.
Voted to choose a committee to join with the churches committee to supply the pulpit and order about the Contribution that is or shall be contributed for that purpose. Ensign John Gott, Lieut. John Porter Benjamin Edwards are chosen a committee for the services above said untill further order by the town.

Received of Mr. Theophelus Rix treasurer for the town of Wenham for the year 1719 the sum of sixty pounds for Salary in full for the year 1719. by me Anna Gerrish.
The above is a true Coppy of the original Receipt.
Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 18th 1719/20 Then agreed with our landlord Ebenezer Kemball to keep the pound for the year ensueing.

At a legal general town meeting duely warned and convened together on the first day of March 1719-20 to choose town officers for the year ensueing Ensign John Gott chosen moderator for this meeting.
Capt. Thomas Fisk, Benjamin Edwards Ensign John Gott William Rogers and Samuel Kemball are chosen Selectmen for the year ensueing.
William Rogers chosen town Clerk for the year ensueing and sworn the same day above said.
Theophelus Rix chosen town treasuer for the year ensueing.
John Gott chosen Constable for the west end of our town. John Dodge chosen Constable for the east end of our town and all sworn.
Robert Cue Ebenezer Kemball Stephen Patch Surveyors of highways and sworn.
John Moulton, John Kemball and William Dodge tithing men and sworn.
Phineas Dodge Nathaniel Fairfield Ebenezer Fisk chosen fence viewers and are all sworn.
Thomas Tarbox chosen sealer of weights and measuers and sworn.
Joseph Edwards chosen sealer of leather and not sworn today.
Thomas Patch Nathaniel Fairfield chosen to observe the law about swine.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March the first day 1719 and 20 William Rogers Theophelus Rix John Gott John Dodge Robert Cue Ebenezer Kemball Setphen Patch John Moulton John Kemball William Dodge Phineas Dodge Nathaniel Fairfield Ebenezer Fisk and Thomas Tarbox all appeared and were sworn all of them to the respective offices that each of them are chosen unto as above. And at a meeting of the Selectmen April 4th 1720 then Joseph Edwards was sworn to the office he was choosen to.

March the 7th 1719-20 The selectmen Capt. Thomas Fisk Benjamin Edwards, John Gott Samuel Kemball all appeared and took the oath of assesors

At a meeting of the Selectmen 7th of March 1719-20 Then agreed with William Rogers to keep the meeting house and ring the bell for the year ensueing untill the first day of March next coming after the date hereof and to have three pounds for his satisfaction

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March the 15th 1719 & 20.

To the Selectmen of Wenham, we the committee of the church the subscribers desire that the town may be called together to concur with the church's choice if they please of Mr. Joseph Emerson to be our minester in order to his settlement amongst us the church having made choice of said Mr. Emerson on the day above said.

Committee { Thomas Fisk Ephraim Kemball
Samuel Kemball Daniel Dodge

The above is truely entered

Attest. William Rogers Town Clerk.

At a legal town meeting on the 18th of March 1719 and 20 to concur with churches choice about a minister and to raise money to defray the towns debts

Voted to choose Capt. Thomas Fisk moderator for this meeting.

Voted to concur and make choice of Mr. Joseph Emerson according to the churches choice as on the 15th of said month. Voted to raise the sum of forty pounds to defray the towns debts.

At a meeting of the Selectmen April 4th 1720
Then sign'd a rate that was made on March 22nd 1719/20 two lists one of them is committed to Constable John Gott amounting to the sum of £21 12s 9d which he is to pay in unto our town treasuer at or before the last of June 1720.
And another list amounting to the sum of £18 16s 10d to Constable John Gott which he is to pay in unto our town treasuer at the same time above mentioned as mentioned in the warrants annexed to them.

Wenham March 29th 1720 Received of Mr. Theophelus Rix treasuer for the town of Wenham for the year 1718. I say received by me the sum of sixty pounds for Salary in full for the year 1718.

Anna Gerrish

The above is truly entered.

Attest William Rogers, Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting duely warned and convened on this 28th day of April 1720 Ensign John Gott chosen Representative for this year.
Capt. Thomas Fisk chosen moderator for this meeting.
2nd the question being put to the town wether they will allow Mr. Joseph Emerson the sum of ninety pounds in passable money or in bills of credit yearly and a free contribution weekly so long as he shall be our minester in our town and it passed on the affirmative.
3rd The question being put to the town wether they will put in the sum and name and it passed on the negative for to vote for a Salary for Mr. Joseph Emerson.
4th it was put to the town wether the town would allow one hundred pounds for the settlement of Mr. Joseph Emerson in our town and to be paid within two years next coming after the date hereof and it passed in the affirmative.
5th Voted to have committee to treat with Mr. Joseph Emerson about the matter of his settlement in our town. Capt. Thomas Fisk Lieut. John Porter Ensign John Gott. Benjamin Edwards Deacon Ephraim Kemball Mr. Daniel Dodge Samuel Kemball are chosen a committee as above and so make report to the town the next town meeting or as soon as may be of their doeings about the matter.

April 28th 1720 At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham then agreed to and with Daniel Dodge and William Rogers to keep school in our town for the year ensueing for what the scholars do pay unto them.

At a legal town meeting duely warned and convened on this 20th day of June 1720

Ensign John Gott chosen representative

Nathaniel Brown chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted to choose a committee to adjust the accounts with the committee that was chosen to agree concerning John Herrick and about Salem & Wenham bounds.

Stephen Patch John Moulton and Nathaniel Brown are chosen a committee for the service above said or any two of them agreeing about the same.

To the Selectmen of Wenham this is to notify you that we the subscribers have appointed to meet with you or any other gentlemen as you shall appoint to meet at the bounds tree marked with W and M between Manchester and Wenham at twelve of the clock on the 26th day of April instant to renew the bounds between the two towns aforesaid as the law directs. Manchester April the 16th 1720

Aron Bennett } Selectmen of
John Lee } Manchester

April 26th 1720 We the subscribers being appointed by the Selectmen of Manchester and Wenham to perambulate and renew the bounds between the towns aforesaid accordingly met and have renewed the Stated bounds. Viz. the tree marked with W and M and the red or yellow Oak and the bunch of maples and the Hemlock and the pine and the Stump called Dodges Stump in Ipswich line all by renewing the marks and laying stones.

John Lee
his
Daniel O Williams } For Manchester
mark

Benjamin Edwards }
Nathaniel Waldron } For Wenham

The above is a true entry of the Original
William Rogers Town Clerk

Wenham June 24th 1720 — We the subscribers being chosen a committee to adjust the accounts with the committee that was chosen to agree concerning John Herricks and about Salem and Wenham bounds the above said committee met with us on the day above said and brought in their accpts. and we allowed to each as followeth

To Capt. Thomas Fisk	£1	12s	6d
To William Rogers	£3	8s	3d
To Mr. William Dodge	£1	15s	6d
To Ensign John Gott	£0	9s	0d
To Thomas Tarbox & John Kemball	£0	8s	6d
To For sixteen days for Evidences	£1	4s	0d

John Moulton
Nathaniel Brown } Committee
Stephen Patch

The above is truely Entered
Attest William Rogers, Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting and assembled on this 18th day of July 1720.

Capt. Thomas Fisk Chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted to choose a committee to join with a committee the church has chosen Viz. Capt. Thomas Fisk Deacon Ephraim Kemball Mr. Daniel Dodge Samuel Kemball.

The town has Chosen Ensign John Gott Lieut. John Porter & Benjamin Edwards to be a committee to join with the churches committee to Supply our pulpit till further order from the town.

At a legal Town meeting and assembled on this 23rd day of August 1720.

Ensign John Gott chosen moderator for this meeting. Voted a concurrance with the churches Choice to choose Mr. Daniel Perkins in order to a Settlement among us.

At a legal town meeting and assembled on this 5th day of September.

Ensign John Gott Chosen moderator for this meeting.

It was put to vote to allow Mr. Daniel Perkins ninety pounds for a yearly Salary so long as he shall be our minister in our town and it passed on the negative.

It was put to vote wether the town would allow Mr. Daniel Perkins the sum of eighty pounds for a yearly Sal-

ary so long as he shall continue to be our minister in our town and a weekly contribution and it was a tie and not voted.

To the Selectmen of Wenham.

These are to let you understand that whereas the church has so far proceeded as to give Mr. Daniel Perkins a call to settle amongst us I desire you as soon as with convenience you would Assemble the town together for this concurrence. August 16th 1720

Ephraim Kemball by order of the church

A true entry of the original William Rogers

Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting and Assembled on this 19th day of October 1720.

Deacon William Fisk Chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted to raise the sum of one hundred Pounds.

Wenham October 28th 1720 To the Selectmen of Wenham. Gents. this is to desire you to call the inhabitants of the town together for their concurrence with the church calling of Mr. Robert Ward to be their Pastor and teacher by the order and vote of the church.

Ephraim Kemball moderator of the church.

A true coppy and compared

Attest William Rogers, Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting duely warned and assembled on this 31st day of October 1720

John Gott chosen moderator for this meeting

Voted a concurrence with the churches choice to choose Mr. Robert Ward to be our minister in our town.

It was put to vote to allow Mr. Robert Ward the sum of ninety pounds in bills of credit or in passable money as it shall pass from man to man at times of payment and a free contribution so long as he shall be our minister in our town for a salary and it passed on the affirmative.

Voted to pay Mr. Robert Ward the sum of one hundred pounds in bills of credit or in passable money for his settlement in our town.

Boston July 20th 1720 Received of Mr. John Porter Constable of Wenham by Mr. John Gott seven pounds

twelve shillings and five pence in full for my father Jeremiah Allen Treasuer £7 12^{s} 5^{d}
A true coppy of the Original pr. Jeremiah Allen
Receipt Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

Received of Constable John Porter in full of all that he was to pay to me the sum of sixty three pounds fourteen shillings and five pence. I say received by me Theophelus Rix town treasuer Oct. the 4th 1720.
A true coppy.
Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham September 26th 1720 — a list was made and committed unto Constable John Gott amounting £19 18^{s} 5^{d}
whereof he is to pay to the province treasuer £11 18^{s} 7^{d}
and he is to pay to our town treasuer by a warrant annexed to the same the sum of £7 19^{s} 9^{d}.

And a list that is committed to Constable John Dodge to pay the province treasuer £16 0^{s} 0^{d} and the remains towards his Collecting of rates this year 1720 the sum of £0 13^{s} 7^{d}.

the above said £7 19^{s} 9^{d} is to be paid at or before the first day of May next after the date hereof.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham a town rate was made on the 30th day of October 1720.

A list was committed unto Constable John Gott to be paid in unto our town treasuer at or before the last day of January next coming after the date hereof the sum of £60 12^{s} 3^{d}

And a list to Constable John Dodge at the same time and to be paid in at the same time above mentioned the sum of £51 5^{s} 9^{d}.

At a legal town meeting legally warned and convened and met together on the 22nd 1720 December.

Ensign John Gott chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted to choose a committee to consider and agree and treat with Mr. Ward concerning his Salary and settlement in our town and to do whatsoever is needful to be done concerning the same.

The committee that have been chosen for supplying the pulpit times past are considered to do the service above mentioned.

At a legal town meeting legally warned and convened together on the 9th day of January 1720/21

Capt. Thomas Fisk chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted that the church and town shall be one in the ordination of Mr. Ward.

Voted to allow what sum shall be after agreed upon and it shall be allowed out of the town treasury.

Voted to allow the sum of twenty pounds for the ordination of Mr. Ward.

Voted to choose Ensign John Gott Lieut. John Porter and Benjamin Edwards to join with the churches committee concerning the ordination of Mr. Ward.

Voted to choose William Rogers Samuel Kemball and Thomas Tarbox to agree and settle the bounds between Wenham and Topsfield and to do whatsoever is needful in that matter. Benjamin Fisk to have the charge.

Wenham June the 21st 1721 — Then received of Constable John Gott the sum of ten shillings and eight pence in full of a town rate that he was to pay to me I say received by me and all he was to pay to me of what rates soever

Thomas Tarbox T. Treasuer

The above is a true coppy William Roger T. C.

Boston July 27th 1721 — Received of Mr. John Gott Constable of Wenham pr. Mrs. Hannah Kemball eleven pounds eighteen shillings and seven pence in full for my father, Jeremiah Allen Treasuer £11 18s 7d

pr. Jeremiah Allan

the above is coppied and compared with the original

Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

This agreement made this 2nd day of January Anno Domine one thousand seven hundred & twenty one Reging Regis Georgi. Magnee Brittainie and Septein. Between Robert Ward of Charlestown in the county of Middlesex within his magisty's province of Massachusetts bay in New England Clerk on the one part and Thomas Fisk Ephraim Kemball, John Parter Daniel Dodge Benjamin Edwards John Gott and Samuel Kemball the committee chosen in behalf of the town of Wenham in the county of Essex within the province afore said on the other part witneseth That whereas the church of Christ at Wenham being de-

prived of their pastor the reverend Mr. Joseph Gerrish by death have made choice of the sd Robert Ward to succeed in that solemn and weighty charge to which the congregation at said town unanimously concuring ye said Robert Ward does as in the fear and presence of God faithfully promise and engage by divine assistance to attend carry on and discharge all the duties of a gospel minister towards a Church of Christ untill he is by death called to give up his account or some other way disenabled or discharged and they said Thomas Fisk Ephraim Kemball John Porter Daniel Dodge Benjamin Edwards John Gott and Samuel Kemball.

The committee above named do in behalf of the said town of Wenham ye present inhabitants thereof their heirs and asigns they being so empowered by a legal town meeting do consent and promise to and with the said Robert Ward in consideration of his labours among them to pay or cause to be paid unto him the said Ward by the town treasurer for the time being the full and Just sum of ninety pounds of passable money of said Province or in Province bills of credit as a yearly salary his year to begin December first One thousand seven hundred and twenty last past. that is to say one fourth part of said Salary on the first of March next ensueing.

one fourth part ye first of June next. one fourth part on the first of September and the other fourth part on the first of December next ensueing.

and then that, the said Salary shall be yearly paid at two several payments Viz.

the one half on the first day of June and the other half on the first day of December annually.

as allso to pay unto him ye weekly contribution constantly and the sum of an hundred pounds and on demand in bills of credit or passable money of said Province for his settlement.

this they the said committee in behalf of said town of Wenham do promise covenant and engage to and with the said Robert Ward to perform so long as he shall continue the minister of said town. in witness whereof we have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written (these words or in province bills of credit between eighteen and nineteen were interlined before signing)

(these words by the town treasuer between eighteen and nineteen were afterwards entered by consent)
Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of us.

John Kimball
Lucy Moulton

Robert Ward (his (Seal)
Thomas Fisk (his (seal)
Ephraim Kemball (his (seal)
John Porter (his (seal)
Daniel Dodge (his (Seal)
Benjamin Edwards (his (Seal)
John Gott (his (seal)
Samuel Kemball (his (seal)

This is a coppy of the original agreement and compared
Attest William Rogers T. C.

Boston October 15th 1720 Received of Mr. Walter Fairfield Constable of Wenham the sum of three pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence in full £3 16s 9d
Jeremiah Allen Treasuer
The above is a coppy of the original receipt.
William Rogers Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting duely warned and Convened together on the seventh day of March 7th 1720/21. to choose town officers for the year ensueing.

Ensign John Gott Chosen moderator for this meeting.
Caleb Kemball Nathaniel Brown John Moulton Samuel Kemball and William Rogers are chosen Selectmen for the year ensueing.
William Rogers chosen Town Clerk for the year ensueing.
Thomas Tarbox chosen town treasuer for the year ensueing and sworn the same day.
Voted, to grant that parcel of land where Daniel Claflins Tan yard is to said Daniel Claflin and his heirs and to be free and clear to him it being 60 poles sometime past, granted to Claflin upon condition as may appear upon Record.

Ebenezer Fisk chosen Constable for the west end of our town.

Benjamin Edwards Jun. chosen Constable for the East end of our town.
Thomas Tarbox chosen Sealer of weights and measuers.

John Coy Ensign John Gott and William Rogers Chosen Surveyors of highways for the year ensueing.
Jonathan Kimball John Porter Jun. and Rice Knowlton Chosen tithingmen for the year ensueing. Sworn.
Daniel Claflin John Kimball Benjamin Fisk Chosen fence viewers for the year ensueing. and sworn.
Jonathan Kimball Chosen Sealer of leather for the year ensueing. Stephen Patch and David Batchelder Chosen Hog Reves. for the year ensueing and sworn.
Voted that hogs shall go at large as usually they used to go according as the law directs the year ensueing.
Voted that there shall be a committee to view the account of the committee and allow what they shall think is needfull more than the twenty pounds paid concerning the ordination of Mr. Ward. Voted that the Selectmen be a committee for the service above.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 7th 1720/21 William Rogers Thomas Tarbox Ensign John Gott John Coy Ebenezer Fisk Rice Knowlton Jonathan Kemball John Kemball Benjamin Fisk Daniel Claflin John Porter Jun. Stephen Patch and David Batchelder all appeared and took the several oaths to the several offices they are chosen unto (except William Rogers was not sworn to the office of surveyor then) William Rogers sworn the next day March the 8th 1720/21 and at the same time Benjamin Edwards appeared and was sworn to his office above mentioned At a meeting of the Selectmen March 8th

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At a meeting of the Selectmen March 13th 1720/21
Then Caleb Kimball John Moulton Nathaniel Brown and Samuel Kemball appearsd and took the oaths of Assessors.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham March 13th 1721. Then reckoned with Stephen Patch consering the parcel of land his house standeth it being eight acres which his father Thomas Patch some time past hath paid rent for and another parcel of land three acres of land that was leased some time past unto Lieut. John Dodge deseased as may appear by lease more at large and for time past the date hereof there remains due to the town of Wenham the sum of thirty three shillings and for the future time so

long as I shall have or enjoy the above said parcels of land or my heirs doeth covenant for myself and my heirs and promise to pay unto the town treasuer of said town and his successors the full and just sum of Eleven shillings per year yearly which is twelve pence per acre per annum to be paid yearly and every year at or before the 13th of March yearly so long as I or mine or any by or under me shall enjoy the same

Caleb Kimball
Nathaniel Brown
William Rogers
John Moulton
Samuel Kemball
} Selectmen

Stephen Patch

At a meeting of the Selectmen May 12th 1721 then sign'd the above agreement or reckoning and said Patch signed the same as witness our hands

Thomas Fisk
John Gott

March the 20th 1721 At a meeting of the Selectmen then agreed with William Rogers to keep the meeting house and ring the bell for the year ensueing untill the first day of March next coming after the date hereof and to have three pounds for his satisfaction.

At a meeting of the Selectmen May 5th 1721 then agreed and Appointed William Rogers to keep school for the year 1721 and appointed Mr. Daniel Dodge to keep school for the year ensueing for the town of Wenham and in consideration to have what the scholars shall pay they agreeing with the schoolmaster as to Sum

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At a legal town meeting duely warned and convened on this twelfth of May 1721

Ensign John Gott chosen Representative for the year ensueing. Ensign John Gott Chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted that the town do stand and abide by the proposals made by the Selectmen of Salem and Wenham When they met to purambulate the bounds of Salem and Wenham last.

Voted that the Selectmen of our town be fully empow-

ered to complete the proposals that are made by the town of Salem if they take up with it.

Voted that swine go at large as usually they used to go according as the law directs the year ensueing.

This is to certify whom it may concern that the Selectmen of Beverly have chosen desired and empowered Lieut. John Thorndike Ensign Nathaniel Raymond Mr. John Herrick Jun. Mr. Joshua Dodge and Robert Woodbury Senr. or any three of them to be a committee to meet with the gentlemen appointed by the Selectmen of Wenham at the house of Caleb Kimball in said Wenham on the 22nd day of this instant May at nine of the clock in the morning and said they with them to purambulate on the line and renew the bounds between the said towns of Wenham and Beverly.

Beverly May 10th 1721 Attest Robert Woodbury
Town Clerk

The above is a coppy of the original
Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

We the subscribers being appointed and empowered by our respective towns of Wenham and Beverly to purambulate upon the line and renew the bounds between the said two towns have accordingly met and renewed the said bounds on May the 22nd day 1721 in manner following. Viz. beginning at a white oak tree in Nathaniel Raymonds Pasture marked with W and B and stones about it and thence to a white oak tree at Alfords hill so called being marked with W and B with stones about it and from thence eastward to a stake and heap of stones on the easterly side of longham meadow which stake is marked with W and B thence to a stake and heap of stones on the Southeasterly side of Raccoon Marsh so called and thence Southeasterly to a yellow oak tree marked with W and B and stones about it and thence running easterly to a white Oak tree on gravelly Ridge so called marked W and B and stones about it and thence to a white oak tree at Pressons Corner marked W and B with stones about it and thence by Robert Woodburys bounds to a stub white oak formerly a whole tree marked with W and B with stones about it with a small pine bush growing by said Stub all which is according to the

former settlement and perambulations between said towns.

For Wenham	For Beverly
Caleb Kemball	Robert Woodbury
John Moulton	John Thorndike
John Kimball	Nathaniel Raymond
	John Herrick
	Joshua Dodge

The above is a true Coppy of the original

William Rogers T. C.

Topsfield May 15th 1721.

To Capt. John How, Mr. Jacob Town Mr. Nathaniel Porter and Mr. John Curtis Gents.

these are to desire you, you being Appointed and empowered to perambulate and renew the bounds between Wenham and Topsfield as the law directs to meet such gentlemen as Wenham Selectmen have appointed for that service at the northerly end of Wenham Causway on the 23rd day of May instant at ten of the Clock on said day, by order of the Selectmen of Topsfield.

The above is a true coppy attest

Jacob Peabody Town clerk
William Rogers Town Clerk

We whose names are underwritten have met on this 23rd of May 1721 being empowered by our Selectmen of our respective towns. Viz Wenham and Topsfield to perambulate and renew the bounds between our respective towns.

and have agreed and renewed the bounds beginning at a heap of rocks at Joseph Porters meadow farm that was. and so to the plump of maples according to the settlement in 1682.

and then to a bound in the brook to a stake and a heap of stones in the brook as the brook runs by a maple stub by the way going over into the meadow in the brook.

then to the Southeasterly corner of pidgion meadow to a stake and heap of stones so to the river according to the setlement in 1694.

which bounds we do agree to as witness our hands

Samuel Kemball	For Wenham	John How	For Topsfield
Thomas Tarbox		Jacob Towns	
Daniel Fisk		John Curtis	

The above is a true coppy of the original

William Rogers Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham Febuary 28th 1720/21 Then reckoned with Constable John Gott and Constable John Dodge and then allowed them as is hereafter agreed on Viz.

to Constable John Gott ten shillings for warning town meetings more than ordinary and for his collecting of rates this year 1720 according to a town vote sometime past which is fourpence per pound and for mending of the meeting house seats and for last money in his rate and for abatement upon that part of the province rate he was to pay in unto our town treasuer the sum being £7 19s 9d and we allowed him 12 pence pr. pound for said sum all which sums are put together the sum of £5 10s 5d and gave Order to our town treasuer to pay the same.

And at the same time above mentioned reckoned and accounted with Constable John Dodge and then allowed him ten shillings for warning town meetings more than ordernary and according to a town vote some time past allowed him 4 pence pr pound for collecting town and province rates for the year 1720 committed to him to collect discounting thirteen shillings and seven pence over pluss in the province taxes which was allowed him towards his collecting rates this year as is upon record as may appear more largly and for summonsing Joseph Edwards and Thomas Patch to take the Oaths respectively to their offices the sum of one shilling and sixpence and for warning Mary Wherlor out of town one shilling which sums put together is £2 3s 10d and the said thirteen shillings and seven pence being reduced out of said sum there remains due to said Dodge thee sum of £1 7s 9d if rightly cast and have given order to our town treasuer to pay the said sum of one pound and seven shillings as may appear upon record and the said Gott and said Dodge then consented to the allowance and reckoning above said by their agreeing there to.

At a legal town meeting July the 24th 1721 Capt. Thomas Fisk chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted to raise the sum of one hundred pounds to pay the reverend Mr. Ward the hundred pounds the town have agreed to pay him for his settlement in our town and fifty pounds to defray our towns debts.

At a legal town meeting August the eighth 1721 John Gott Chosen Representative

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham on the 25th day of July 1721 then and on the 26th day of said July then there was a tax made of one hundred pounds in two lists for the paying of the reverend Mr. Ward for his settlement in our town as our town have agreed Viz.
to Constable Ebenezer Fisk a list ammounting to the sum of £61 13s 0d to be paid in unto our town treasuer at or before the first day of december next after the date hereof and a warrant annexed thereto.

And at the same time a list to Constable Benjamin Edwards to be paid in unto our town treasuer at the same time amounting to the sum of £52 4s 2d with a warrant annexd thereto

And at the same time above mentioned July 25 and 26th 1721 a tax was made of fifty pounds to defray our towns debts in two lists Viz. to Constable Ebenezer Fisk a list of thirty pounds thirteen shillings and eight pence £30 13s 8d to be paid in unto our town treasuer at or before the first day of November next coming after the date hereof with a warrant annexed thereunto.

And a list to Constable Benjamin Edwards amounting to the sum of £26 5s 1d to be paid in unto our town treasuer at or before the first day of November above said together with a warrant annexed thereto all which lists are committed respectively to each Constable above mentioned.

At a meeting of the Selectmen August 22nd 1721 then agreed that division of the highway between the town part and the neck part is so far through the Swamp called Claflin's swamp as against the roots of an old Stump in William Rogers pasture by his fence and all the way to the westward of said stump to be mended by the town surveyor and all the way to the eastward of said stump to be mended by the surveyor on the neck for the year ensueing.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham September the 27th 1721 then two lists were made for the paying our province treasuer
and one list is committed unto Constable Benjamin Edwards amounting to the sum of fifteen pounds three shillings and one penny £15 3s 1d whereof he is to pay to our

province treasuer £12 14^{s} 1½^{d} and he is to pay to our town treasuer the sum £2 8^{s} 11^{d}.

And the other list is committed unto Constable Ebenezer Fisk and he is to pay the province treasuer £15 4^{s} 6^{d} and to our town treasuer the sum of £4 4^{s} 8^{d} the whole list amounting to £19 9^{s} 2^{d} the above said sum to our town treasuer is to be paid at or before the last day of Febuary next coming after the date hereof.

June 12th 1721 Then received of Hutton Goldsmith Constable the sum of two pounds ten shillings and two pence in full by me Thomas Tarbox Town Treasuer
Coppy of the original receipt
Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

Boston Dec. 1. 1721

Received of Mr. John Dodge Constable of Wenham by Mr. William Rogers five pounds and ten shillings in full for my father Jeremiah Allen Treas.

Isaac Allen

The above is truly entered
Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

July 24th 1721 Received of Constable Walter Fairfield the sum of two pounds and two shillings in full of what he was to pay me some time past received at several times the other as witness my hand

Thomas Tarbox Town treasuer
January 30th 1721/22

At a legal town meeting October 16th 1721 Mr. John Gott chosen moderator for this meeting. Voted to send for the money proportioned for our town by the great and General Court acts.

Mr. John Gott, Mr. John Porter and William Rogers are chosen to be trustees to do and Act concerning the money above said according to said courts accounts as the town shall hereafter order for the disposal of said money. Mr. John Porter Mr. John Gott and William Rogers are sworn to the office above said. Oct. 16th 1721

At a legal town meeting Oct. 30th 1721. Capt Thomas Fisk chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted that the proportion of money of province bills that is to our town shall be let out upon five pounds upon the hundred per year.

It was put to vote wether the town will let the Rev. Mr. Robert Ward have the proportion of money that the great and general Court have proportioned to our town upon five pounds per hundred per annum upon good Security.

Voted on the affirmative.

At a legal town meeting January 15th 1721/22 Mr. Capt. Thomas Fisk chosen moderator for this meeting. Voted to raise the sum of sixty pounds to pay the reverend Mr. Ward the first half years Salary and our town debts.

Gentlemen these serve to notify you that the Selectmen of this town have appointed on the last Monday of this present month to settle the bounds tree and the twenty acres of land according to the proposals areed on at our perambulation in April last the same allso having been agreed to and accepted of by our town and will meet you at nine of the clock on said day at the sign of the Ark in Beverly. By order of the Selectmen

Thomas Barton Town Clerk

Salem June 12th 1721. A true coppy of the Original and Compared.

Attest. William Rogers Town Clerk.

We whose names are hereunto Subscribed Selectmen of the towns of Salem and Wenham being appointed and empowered by our respective towns to settle and confirm the bound tree and the twenty acres of land according to the proposals made and agreed to at the perambulation on the 19th of April last and the same allso having been agreed to and accepted of by our said towns have accordingly met this 27th day of June 1721 and have settled and confirmed the white Oak tree standing in Joseph Herricks Stone wall to be a corner bounds tree between our said towns by marking of the same with S on the one side and W on the other side by laying some stones at the roots there of from which tree on a straight line to the white oak tree marked with S W B and S which is the bounds tree between Salem and Wenham and Beverly the said line runs between John Herricks house and a large walnut tree near the southwest

corner in the front of said house and have allso measuered of settled and confirmed the said twenty Acres of land adjoining the line on Wenham side a little east of John Herricks barn according to the plan hereto annexd and the same to be belonging unto Salem for a full and final settlement thereof so that the whole bounds betwen our said towns of Salem and Wenham runs thus Viz. begining at a white Oak tree marked with S and W and T. which is the bound tree between Wenham Salem and Topsfield Standing near the northerly end of Wenham Causway from thence over Wenham Causway about southeasterly near the easterly end of said Causway to a stake and heap of stones which is the divisional bounds between Wenham and Porters farm and from said stake about S. W. to an old decayed black oak tree near to the head of John Leaches meadow standing close by a walnut which is allso said to be Andrews Corner bounds from thence about Southeasterly to the white oak tree now marked with S and W from said tree. S. E. by 71 degrees about 84 poles to a heap of stones in John Herricks orchard about 7 foot northwesterly from a small apple tree which we marked being the fifth tree in the second row from the Southern wall from thence Northeasterly nineteen degrees 28 and a half poles and two links to a heap of stones in Joseph Herricks ground from thence Southeasterly by 71 degrees 112 poles to a stake and heap of stones in James Meachens meadow from thence southwesterly 19 degrees 28 poles ½ and 2 links to a white oak tree marked with S W and B and S standing in Nathaniel Raymonds pasture which is the bound tree between Salem Wenham and Beverly all of which pursuant to the power given us as above we have settled and confirmed as the full of our bounds between our said towns the day and year above mentioned as witness our hands

Caleb Kemball
John Moulton
Nathaniel Brown
Samuel Kemball
} Selectmen of Wenham

Jonathan Putnam
James Holton
Benjamin Flint
Benjamin Gerrish
} Selectmen of Salem

T. Barton Town clerk

A coppy truely compared.

Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of the town of Ipswich the 30th of October 1721,
Ordered that Mr. James Brown and Mr. Thomas Burnham be a committee to perambulate the line with the town of Wenham and to meet them at the house of Mr. Walter Fairfield at seven o clock the sixth day of November next by Order of the Selectmen John Wainwright. Town Clerk truely entered and compared

Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

November the 6th 1721 We whose names are under written being appointed to renew the bounds between Ipswich and Wenham have met on the day above said and have renewed bounds as followeth, Viz. beginning at the tree or bush near to an apple tree in Nathaniel Browns orchard thence to a white oak tree in Nathaniel Fairfields land about 12 inches over marked with a marking Iron thence to a white Oak between William Dodges land and Timothy Patches land about 12 inches over marked with a Markin Iron thence to a white oak between Samuel Polland and Thomas Patches land about 12 Inches over marked with a Marking Iron thence to a white oak by a gate between William Dodge and Benjamin Knowlton about 18 inches over Marked with a marking Iron thence to a great white Oak standing on the north side of Rice Knowltons land in the stone wall marked with a marking Iron thence to a Hemlock on the north side of a hill called snake hill marked with a marking Iron about 18 inches over thence to a hemlock over the swamp by a pine stump about 18 inches over marked with a marking Iron thence to a small white oak about 5 inches over growing out of a white oak stump thence to a hemlock about 12 inches over by the brook that runs out of Coys pond to round pond thence to a stump called Dodges Stump with a bush growing out of it near the stump marked by it

William Rogers } Selectmen
Nathaniel Brown } of Wenham

Thomas Burnham } Selectmen
James Brown } of Ipswich

Truely compared.

Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

Febuary 23rd 1721/22 Received of Benjamin Edwards Constable the sum of two pounds thirteen shillings and ten pence which is in full of all rates by me

Thomas Tarbox town treasuer.

A true coppy compared.

Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

Boston May 31st 1722 Received of Mr. Benjamin Edwards Constable of Wenham by Mr. William Rogers twelve pound and fourteen shillings one penny half penny in full pr. James Allen

The above is a coppy of the original.

For my father Jeremiah Allen Treasuer

Receipt Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

£12 14s 1½d Boston June 23rd 1722

Received of Mr. Ebenezer Fisk Constable of Wenham by Mr. William Rogers fifteen pounds four shillings and sixpence in full for my father, Jeremiah Allen Treasuer

£15 4s 6d The above is a coppy of the original

pr. James Allen

Receipt Attest William Rogers Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham May the 15th 1723 upon the request of Jonathan Dodge Jun. of Beverly then layed out a highway about fifteen foot wide being staked out lying at the corner next William Rogers bars by Josiah Dodges from the land formerly Joshua Williams to the highway it being about half a pole to said way from said land the highway is for said Jonathan Dodge and those that succeed him in that land the said way is partly over the land formerly Nathaniel Waldrons that is in posession and it was to be left a highway as it may more at large appear by a town grant and takes about half a pole of the land and the other part is over the land of William Rogers the said way is fifteen foot from a stake by said Dodges Wall to a stake by said Waldrons wall about 3 foot from the end of it.

(never signed) — Selectmen

At a general town meeting duely warned and convened on this 6th of March 1721/22 to Choose town officers.

Deacon William Fisk chosen Moderator for this meeting.
Lieut. J. Porter Benjamin Fisk, Rice Knowlton, William Dodge and William Rogers chosen Selectmen.
William Rogers chosen Town Clerk. Thomas Tarbox chosen town treasuer.
Daniel Fisk chosen Constable for the west end of our town.
Joseph Haggitt chosen for the east end of our town.
Phineas Dodge, Daniel Kilham, Theophelus Rix chosen tithingmen.
John Moulton, John Gott Jun. and Simon Patch chosen fence viewers. Samuel Porter Josiah Dodge Ensign John Batchelder Chosen surveyors of highways.
Thomas Tarbox Sealer of weights and measures.
Joseph Edwards Sealer of leather. Daniel Claflin Ezekel Day Chosen observers of the law about swine.
Voted to grant a convenient seat at the east end of our meeting house for the minister and to be at the towns order and for the order of the building of it to be left with the Selectmen to be at the towns charge.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 6th 1721/22 Then William Rogers Thomas Tarbox Daniel Fisk, Joseph Haggitt Phineas Dodge Theophelus Rix Daniel Kilham Ensign John Batchelder John Gott Jun. Symond Patch Ezekiel Day Samuel Porter Josiah Dodge. Surveyors of highways & all appeared and was sworn to their respective offices.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 12th 1721/22 then the Assessors hereafter named was sworn as the law directs. Viz. Mr. John Porter William Dodge Benjamin Fisk and Rice Knowlton and at the same time Symond Patch appeared and took the oath belonging to his office.

And at a meeting of the Selectmen March 12th 1721/22 then Joseph Edwards appeared and refused to take the oath of Sealer of leather he was chosen to. At a meeting of the Selectmen March 21st 1721/22 Then Daniel Claflin appeared and took the oath of his office.

At a meetng of the Selectmen March 20th 1721/22 Then agreed with John Rogers to keep the meeting house and ring the bell for one year untill the first day of March

next Coming after the date hereof, and to have three pounds for his pains.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 20th and 21st day 1722 a rate was made for paying the said town debts in two distinct lists
Viz. a list committed to Constable Daniel Fisk amounting to the sum of £39 13s 6d to be paid in unto our town treasuer at or before the tenth day of May next coming after the date hereof and warrant annex'd thereto and make up his accounts at or before the first day of June next coming after the date hereof.
And a list is committed to Constable Joseph Haggitt amounting to the sum of £31 14s 11d to be paid in unto our town treasuer at or before the tenth day of May next coming after the date hereof and make up his accounts at or before the first day of June next coming after the date hereof with a warrant annex'd to them.

At a town meeting May the 10th 1722 of our town Lieut. John Porter chosen moderator for this meeting. William Rogers chosen Representative for the year ensueing Voted to choose Samuel Kilham Thomas White and Nathaniel Brown to view the land that William Dodge would have to set his wall on and to have full power to dispose of the same and to settle the bounds at their discresion. Voted that Swine shall go at large.

We the subscribers being chosen to view the land that Mr. William Dodge would have to set his wall on and to have full power to dispose of the same and to settle the bounds at their discresion and accordingly we have viewed the land and have agreed that said William Dodge shall have the land the fence now stands on and all the land he hath taken in by said fence from Aron Jones his land northwesterly to an old wall and damson tree the said William Dodge paying to the town fifteen shillings money
as witness our hands this fifteenth day of May 1722.
Samuel Kilham, Nathaniel Brown
truely compared
Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham May 10th 1722 Then appointed Mr. Daniel Dodge and William Rogers to keep school in our town for the year ensueing and shall have what the scholars or their parents shall pay for their pains.

At a meeting of the Selectmen September 5th 14th and 29th of October a rate was made for the paying of our province rate in two distinct lists and amounting to the sum of——

At a legal town meeting October the 16th 1722
Mr. John Porter chosen moderator. Voted to raise the sum of 75 pounds to defray our towns debts.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham on the 5th day of September 1722.

Two lists are made and committed unto the two Constables of our town. Viz. to Constable Daniel Fisk a list amounting to the sum of twenty pounds five shillings and fourpence whereof he is to pay to the County treasuer £15 18s 6d
and to our town treasuer £4 6s 10d

And to Constable Joseph Haggitt the sum of seventeen pounds thirteen shillings & sixpence and he is to pay to the province treasuer twelve pounds and to our town treasuer the sum of five pound 13 shilling & 6 pence £5 13s 6d
the whole sum is in all £17 13s 6d
The province treasuer £12 00s 00d to the town treasuer £5 13s 6d.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham a town rate was made a list to Constable Daniel Fisk amounting to the sum of £37 4s 4d and to pay in to our town treasuer at or before the last day of November next after the date hereof And a list to Constable Joseph Haggitt amounting to the sum of £31 7s 5d to be paid in by the time above mentioned.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham a County tax was made A list is committed unto Constable Daniel Fisk amounting to the sum of five pounds five shillings and five pence £5 5s 5d whereof he is to pay in unto the County treasuer by the 28th day of Febuary Instant the sum of two pounds the remainder being three pounds five shillings and five pence he is to have for the collecting of rates and abatements and lost money in his lists.

A list is committed unto Joseph Haggitt amounting to the sum four pounds nine shillings and one penny whereof he is to pay unto the County treasuer the sum of two pounds ten shillings and two pence half penny by the 28th Febuary Instant and the reminder being 1 pound 18 shillings and six pence half penny is allowed him for collecting of rates, and abatements and lost money.

March 4th 1722/23 Received in full of all the rates that Constable Joseph Haggitt was to pay to me 1722 of said Haggitt by me Thomas Tarbox Town treasuer
The above is truely compared.
Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham March 4th 1722/3 then reckoned and accounted with Joseph Haggitt Constable and allowed him four pence upon the pound for all the rates committed to him to collect and for lost money and abatements in all his lists and have allowed him the sum of four pounds five shillings and seven pence in full of and for the overpluss in the County rate twelve pence upon the pound having all the overpluss in the County rate which is in the rate £1 18s 1½d

And at the same time Reckoned with Constable Daniel Fisk and allowed him fourpence upon the pound and allowed him for all lost money and abatements in all his lists in full. And allowed for the overpluss in the County rate 12 pence upon the pound and for and towards the lost money and abatements and collecting all rates 1722 all the overpluss in the County rates which is £3 5s 5d and the abatement is 3 pounds 18 shillings and 8 pence.

At a legal town meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham March 5th 1722/3.
Lieut. John Porter chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted to choose Lieut. Porter Daniel Fisk and Joseph Haggitt to tell the vote for Selectmen.
Lieut. Porter Samuel Kilham Nathaniel Brown Ensign John Batchelder William Rogers are chosen Selectmen for the ensueing year. William Rogers chosen town clerk.
Thomas Tarbox chosen Constable for the west end of our town for the year ensueing.

Symond Patch chosen Constable for the east end of our town for the year ensueing.
John Kemball chosen town treasuer for the year ensueing.
Stephen Patch Theophelus Rix and Thomas Brown chosen Surveyors of fences. Phineas Dodge Thomas Perkins and Robert Cue chosen surveyors of Highway.
Thomas Kemball Thomas Patch and Ebenezer Fisk chosen tithing men.
Stephen Patch chosen clerk of the market.
Benjamin Edwards chosen Sealer of leather
Daniel Batchelder chosen Sealer of weights and measures.
John Gott and Thomas Dodge chosen Hog reves.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham March 5th 1722/3 then the respective officers hereafter mentioned whereto they are chosen to the several offices were sworn, William Rogers John Kemball Thomas Kimball Ebenezer Fisk Stephen Patch Phineas Dodge Robert Cue Thomas Perkins Thomas Brown David Batchelder Symond Patch John Gott Thomas Dodge, Thomas Tarbox.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 5th 1722/3 then Lieut. John Porter Samuel Kilham Mr. John Batchelder Nathaniel Brown appeared and were sworn on the day above said to the office of Assessors and at the same time Thomas Patch sworn to the office of tithingmen.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 11th 1723 then agreed with John Rogers to keep the meeting house and ring the bell for the year ensueing untill the first day of March next coming after the date hereof and to have the sum of three pounds for his service.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 11th 1722/3 then Theophelus Rix appeared and took the oath of tithingman and surveyor of fences Benjamin Edwards Stephen Patch and Daniel Batchelder were sworn to their respective offices whereunto they were chosen and the said Edwards sworn to the office of trustee.

Received of Joseph Haggitt of Wenham Constable the sum of two pounds and ten shillings and sixpence -1 half penny in part of the County Tax for said town.
pr. John Appleton County treasuer. March 29 th 1723
A coppy of the orinal Receipt.
Attest William Rogers T. Clerk.

At a legal town meeting March 25th 1723
Deacon Fisk chosen moderator
Voted that the use money of the 232 pounds that is let out to Mr. Ward shall be ordered or put in to the town treasuey for the use of the town.
Voted to choose Benjamin Edwards to be a trustee in the room of Lieut. John Gott desea'st. Voted to choose Daniel Batchelder the Clerk of the Market. Voted to raise the sum of sixty pounds to defray the towns engagements.
Voted to choose Thomas Kemball Caleb Kemball and Theophelus Rix are chosen to be a committee to look after encrochments conserning the highways in our town.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham on the 3rd of April 1723 a town tax was made a list to Constable Thomas Tarbox amounting to the sum of thirty seven pounds sixteen shillings eight pence £37 16s 8d and to be paid in unto our town treasuer at or before the fifteenth of May 1723.
And a list to Constable Symond Patch amounting to the sum of twenty nine pounds eight shillings and eight pence £29 8s 8d to be paid in unto our town treasuer at or before the 15th day of |1723| with warrants to said lists.

Wenham May the 8th 1723 At a legal town meeting assembled, William Fairfield chosen Representative.
Voted that Swine shall go at large the year ensueing.
At a meeting of the Selectmen May the 8th 1723 then agreed with Mr. Daniel Dodge to keep school for the year ensueing untill another be appointed and to have ten shillings of the town for his pains.

Boston Augt. 2nd 1723 Received of Mr. Joseph Haggitt Constable of Wenham by Mr. Stephen Patch twelve pounds in full for my master Allen Treasuer pr. George Rogers.
truely entered by me William Rogers Town Clerk

To the Selectmen of the town of Wenham Greeting.
these are to notify you that we the subscribers have appointed to meet with you or any other gentlemen whom

you shall appoint at the tree marked with W and M on the 30th day of April instant at nine of the clock in the forenoon to perambulate on the line and renew the bounds between our towns dated at manchester April 22. 1723

John Lee Jun. } Selectmen of
Samuel Lee Jun. } Manchester

The above is a coppy of the original

Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk

We the Selectmen of Manchester and Wenham and such as they have appointed to perambulate the lines and renew the bounds between the said towns Viz. Manchester and Wenham being met together on the 30th day of April in the year 1723 have accordingly met and perambulated the line and renewed the bounds according to former settlement beginning at the tree Marked W and M formerly a white oak but now a white pine is agrowing in the roots or Stump of said oak thence to a red or yellow oak thence to a clump of maples thence to a hemlock about 2 feet to the eastward of the pine formerly a pine cut, now a stump from thence to Dodges stump all of which are according to former settlement between said towns respectively.

Samuel Kilham } Selectmen of
Nathaniel Brown } Wenham

John Lee Jun } Selectmen of
Mathew Cay } Manchester

The above is a true coppy of the original

Attest, William Rogers, Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham September the 30th 1723. A Country tax was made and a list committed unto Constable Thomas Tarbox belonging to his ward amounting to the sum of £19 16s 0d. whereof he is to pay to the Country treasuer the sum of £14 8s 7½d penny as by his warrant the remainder of said list the the sum of being the sum of £5 7s 5½d which said sum £5 7s 5d Said Tarbox is to pay inunto our town treasuer according to a town rate and is by his warrant for the same at the same time delivered to him he is to pay by the last of Febuary next coming after the date hereof

And a list committed to Constable Symond Patch amounting to the sum of £15 15d 0d whereof he is to pay to the Country treasuer the sum of thirteen pound ten shillings the remainder being the sum of £2 5s 0d which is allowed

you towards your collecting of rates and abatements and lost money.

At a legal Town meeting November the 4th 1723
Deacon William Fisk Chosen moderator for this meeting.
William Dodge Chosen trustee in the room of Benjamin Edwards lately deceased.
Voted to raise one hundred and thirty pounds to defray the towns debts and engagements for the year ensueing.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham Nov. 12th 1723. A rate was made and a list committed unto Constable Thomas Tarbox belonging to his ward being part of a town rate which he is to pay in unto our town at or before the first day of December next coming after the date hereof with a warrant annexed to the same the sum is £71 18s 0d. And a list to Constable Symond Patch amounting to the sum of £56 18s 9d which said Patch is to pay in unto our town treasuer at or before the first day of December two thirds of said sum as by their warrants may appear.

Boston August 7th 1723 Received of Mr. Daniel Fisk Constable of Wenham by Mr. William Fairfield five pounds four shillings and four pence in full for my master Jeremiah Allen Treasuer £5 4s 4d by George Rogers
The above is a true coppy of the original Recipt
William Rogers Town Clerk

Received of Daniel Fisk Constable of Wenham the sum of thirty shillings by the hands of the Reverend Mr. Ward of Wenham upon the acpt of the rate for the county of said town in full
John Appleton, County treasuer
the above written receipt is a coppy of the Original
William Rogers Town Clerk

March 4th 1723 Received of Constable Daniel Fisk the sum of nine pounds twelve shillings and one penney which is in full of the town rate by me
Thomas Tarbox town treasuer £2 12s 1d
The above receipt is a coppy of the original
William Rogers Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting on the 3rd day of March 1723/4
It was put to a vote wether the votes that were put in should be allowed and it passed on the negative, it being about a moderator.

Voted that Lieut. Porter is chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted to choose the Constables and moderator and town Clerk shall sort the votes for the Selectmen.

Lieut. John Porter Samuel Kilham Ensign John Batchelder, Nathaniel Brown William Dodge are chosen Selectmen for the year ensueing.

William Fairfield chosen town Clerk for the year ensueing and sworn the same day.

Robert Cue Chosen Constable for the west of the town and Daniel Kilham for the east end of the town and sworn the same day. For Surveyors of the highways John Herrick for the west end of the town and Timothy Patch for the neck and Nathaniel Fairfield for the middle part of the town. Nathaniel Fairfield, John Herrick and Timothy Patch sworn the same day. David Batchelder Daniel Fisk and Stephen Patch chosen for tithingmen and all sworn to the discharge of their office the same day.

Benjamin Edwards Ezekiel Day chosen fence viewers and sworn the same day.

Benjamin Fisk chosen Town treasuer and sworn to the discharge of sd office.

Edmund Kemball and Nathaniel Dodge chosen hog reves and sworn the same day.

Daniel Batchelder chosen sealer of weights and measures.

Joseph Edwards chosen sealer of leather.

Lieut. John Porter Deacon Ephraim Kemball and Capt. William Rogers chosen a committee to take care of perfecting the fenceing of the burying place.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham March 9th 1723/4 Joseph Edwards was sworn to the office of a Sealer of leather whereunto he was chosen the 3rd Instant.
Allso then the said Edwards was ordered to procure a |Seal| suitable for his office at the towns charge.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 9th 1724
Mr. Ebenezer Kemball was agreed with to keep the pound and to repair what is needfull to keep it Sufficient the town to pay the charge of the reparation.

Then allso agreed with John Rogers to take care of the meeting house and do the service belonging to a sexton for the sum of three pounds for the year ensueing and allso to procure the graves to be diged for any that want who are to pay him over and above the said sum for the same

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We whose names are hereunto subscribed by an appointment of the Selectmen of the towns of Salem and Wenham have purambulated and renewed the bounds between the said towns and do find them agreeable to the within and we reniewed the marks and laying more stones to the same and have allso marked the apple tree in Mr. John Herricks orchard with S and W which before was not marked all of which is according to the late settlement made between the aforesaid towns Anno Domini 1721 April 27th 1724

John Moulton
John Herrick
John Porter
} For Wenham

John Preston
Daniel Rea
Benjamin Porter
Jonathan Putnam Jun
} For Salem

The above return of purambulation is truely entered as it was returned under the hands of the above named persons on the backside of the settlement between said towns. as

Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

We are subscribers being appointed and empowered by our respective towns of Wenham and Beverly to purambulate upon the line and renew the bounds between said towns have accordingly met and renewed said bounds on May 24th 1724 in manner as followeth begining at a white oak in Nathaniel Raymonds pasture marked with W.B. and stones about it and thence to a white oak tree at Alfords hill so called marked with W.B. and stones about it and thence easterly to a stake on the easterly side of longham meadow marked W.B. and a heap of stones about it and thence to a stake and heap of stones on the southeasterly side of Racoon Marsh so called and thence Southeasterly to a yellow oak tree and stones about it marked W. B. and thence to a white oak tree and stones about it marked W.B. and thence to a white oak tree on gravelly ridge so called marked W.B.

and stones about it and thence by Robert Woodburys bounds to a stub or small pine where said Stubb stood formerly marked with W.B. and stones about it.

Nathaniel Raymond, John Corning, Andrew Elliot, Joshua Woodbury } John Porter, Theophelus Rix } For Wenham

The above record of the purambulation between Wenham and Beverly is truely entered as it was returned under the hands of them that was appointed to represent each town.

Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

We whose names are underwritten have met and purambulated and renewed bounds begining at a heap of stones near Mr. Porters meadow and run to a clump of maples and as the brook runs to a stake and stones in the brook near to Robinsons Island and to a stake and heap of stones on said island as the line runs and so to Pidgion meadow and to the river as formerly May 4th 1724

John Batchelder, Benjamin Fisk, John Gott } For Wenham

Elisha Perkins, David Balsh, Edmund Town } For Topsfield

The above entre of the purambulation of bounds between Topsfield and Wenham is truely entered as returned by the persons appointed for that work by each town as attest,

William Fairfield Town Clerk

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham duely warned and convened for the Choosing of a representative to serve in the great and General Court as allso to choose a committee to seat our meeting house and to determine wether the swine shall go at large the year ensueing as by warrant.

Lieut. John Porter chosen moderator for this meeting.

Lieut. John Porter chosen to serve and represent the town in the great and General Court for the year ensueing.

For a committee to seat our meeting house Mr. Daniel Dodge. Ensign John Batchelder Walter Fairfield Samuel Porter Timothy Patch are chosen therefor the major part of them for that service.

Voted that the Swine being yoked and ringed according to law Shall have liberty to go at large the year ensueing

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Boston June 9th 1724. Received of Mr. Thomas Tarbox Constable of Wenham by Mr. John Porter fourteen pounds eight shillings and seven pence one half penny in full for my master Jeremiah Allen Treas.
£14 8s 7½d pr. George Rogers
The above receipt is truly entered
Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

Boston July 1st 1724 Received of Mr. Symond Patch Constable of Wenham by Mr. Thomas White thirteen pound and ten shillings in full for my master
Jeremiah Allen Treasuer pr. Mr George Rogers
£13 10s 0d The above receipt is truly entered
William Fairfield Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 6th 1724
Then Lieut. John Porter Ensign John Batchelder Samuel Kilham and Nathaniel Brown Selectmen took the oath of Assessors there being no other Assessors chosen.

September 31st 1724 Then accounted with Ensign Thomas Tarbox late Constable of Wenham for the rates committed to him for the year 1724 amounting to one hundred and fifteen pounds two shillings and a penny as by town records doeth appear and have reckoned by receipts from the former treasuer and other payments according to order with one pound nine shillings and three pence in money received which is in full of said sum and said Constable Tarbox is acquitted of said rates accordingly by me
Benjamin Fisk Town treasuer
The above is truly entered from the original receipt.
Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of Wenham duely warned and convened this 28th day of September 1724 to give order for raising a tax on the town for defraying the charges and to consider of the proposals made by the reverend Mr. Ward conserning purchasing some of

his land for the use of the ministry and some other considerations in his present difficult circumstances as by warrant.
Mr. John Coy chosen moderator for this meeting.
Voted that the Selectmen shall assess the inhabitants of our town at one hundred and twenty pound to defray the town charges for this year.

The question being put to the town wether they would purchase his land and it passed on the negative.

September 7th 1724 At a meeting of the Selectmen a province tax was made in two distinct lists for defraying the towns proportion of the province charge with fourteen pounds seven shillings and nine pence overpluss of the province tax which is for the towns use divided as followeth. Viz. to Constable Robert Cue a list amounting to £44 19 s 9d which £35 4s 4d is to be paid to the province treasuer according to his warrant and £9 15s 5d to be paid in unto the town treasuer according to his order.

And to Constable Daniel Kilham a list amounting to £34 12s 4d of which Sum of thirty pounds is payable to the province treasuer according to his warrant and £4 12s 4d to be paid to the town treasuer according to his order both of which Sd Constables orders are to pay in their respective sums to the town treasuer at the time set in the province warrant which is to be paid in by the last day of March next.

October 24th 1724 — A tax was made on the inhabitants of our town for the defraying of the towns charges in two distinct lists Viz. To Constable Robert Cue a list amounting to £76 18s 9d

and to Constable Daniel Kilham a list amounting to £56 15s 11d

unto both which lists their warrants annexed maketh the said payable into the town treasuer for the towns use the one half at or before the last day of November next and the other half at or before the last day of May next. So as to issue their accounts at or before the first day of July next ensueing.

Febuary 15th 1724/5 — Then received of Symond Patch late Constable of Wenham the sum of £1 1s 0d which

together with former receipts then accounted for is in full of all demands for the town rates committed to him to collect as Constable in the year 1723 as they stand entered in our town book of records I say received by me
Benjamin Fisk Town treasuer
£1 1^{s} 0^{d}. The above receipt is truely entered
Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

Received of Benjamin Fisk the sum of five pounds thirteen Shillings and three pence in full of the County rate for the town of Wenham £5 13^{s} 3^{d} June 11th 1724
pr. John Appleton County treasuer
The above receipt is truly entered as attest
William Fairfield Town Clerk

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham being freeholders duely warned and convened for the choice of town officers and commoners to act any thing that they shall think fit about Benoney Maxeys claim of a commoner according to warrant this 2nd day of March 1724/5
Lieut. Samuel Kemball chosen moderator . Lieut. John Porter Capt. William Rogers, Lieut. Samuel Kemball Rice Knowlton and Samuel Kilham are chosen selectmen for the year ensueing.
William Fairfield chosen town Clerk for the year ensueing.
Thomas Tarbox chosen town treasuer for the year ensueing.
For Constables Samuel Gott was chosen for the west end and Josiah Dodge For the east part of our town for the year ensueing.
For Surveyors of highways Nathaniel Waldron for the east end for the middle division David Batchelder and for the west end Joseph Hooker were chosen for the year ensueing.
For fence viewers Theophelus Fisk John Gott and Nehemiah Dodge were chosen for the year ensuing.
For tithing men John Moulton and Benjamin Edwards were chosen for the year ensueing.
David Batchelder chosen Sealer of weights and measures.
For Hog reeves Nehemiah Porter and Joseph Haggitt were chosen for the year ensuing.
Joseph Edwards chosen for Sealer of leather
March 2nd 1724/5. the Selectmen took the oath of Assessors.
William Fairfield Thomas Tarbox Joseph Hooker and

David Batchelder John Moulton Benjamin Edwards John Gott Nehemiah Dodge Joseph Haggitt and Samuel Gott all took the oaths of their respective offices whereunto they are chosen at the meting above said Josiah Dodge and Jonathan Porter allso were sworn to the discharge of their offices whereunto they were chosen
Nathaniel Waldron took the oath of office whereunto he was chosen April 27th 1725.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs duely warned and convened this 10th day of May 1725 for choosing a representative and other town business according to warrant Deacon Ephraim Kemball chosen moderator of said meeting.
Capt. William Rogers chosen Representative for the year ensueing.
Voted that swine being sufficiently yoked and ringed shall go at large the year ensueing. Allso voted that the selectmen shall agree with some person or persons to teach school in our town.
Voted to purchase the land described in the Reverend Mr. Wards petition of him for a parsonage and for a committee to perfect the same Mr. Daniel Dodge and Lieut. Samuel Kemball and Nathaniel Brown were chosen.
Voted that the committee last chosen to seat our meeting house shall proceed no further in that work.

For the inhabitants of the town of Wenham
Sirs. I find by experience that the purchase I made is more than I can go through with and am therefore necesseated to sell a part that I may in time with the blessings of providence clear the rest. both of the neighboring parishes have provided parsonage pasture for their minister and if you should be inclined to do the same for me by buying that parcel of land which lies between the highway leading over to the neck and land in the possesion of my neighbor Ezekiel Days. You will greatly add to those testimoney of your kindness to me which I have allreay received and do thankfully acknowledge I desire not any money in hand for the same bpt only you would discount a hundred pound of what I am indebted by bond to you for it is the discharge of my debts which lie so heavy upon me that I regard and aim at in this matter and if this proposal be accepted by you and you see meet to appoint

a committee to adjust the affair with me and receive a legal conveyance from me you will very much oblidge
Yours in the Gospel Service Wenham May 10th 1725.
Robert Ward

May 17th 1725 At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham then agreed with William Rogers to keep school in our town untill the first of October next ensueing the date hereof for reasonable satisfaction besides what the scholars shall pay he keeping account of what the scholars pay

pr. Selectmen { Samuel Kemball, Rice Knowlton, Samuel Kilham }

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham for the granting of a town tax for the defraying the towns charges this 14th day of November 1725. Deacon William Fisk chosen moderator. Voted that there shall be added fifteen pounds to the ministers Salary tax's for the defraying of other town charges.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham the 26th of September 1725.
There is in Constable Samuel Gotts list to pay to the province treasuer £54 12s 0d and to pay in unto the town treasuer the sum of two pounds five shillings and five pence. And in Constable Josiah Dodges list to pay to the province treasuer £38 11s 4d and to pay to our town treasuer the sum of 8s 4d

John Porter, William Rogers, Samuel Kilham } Selectmen

To the town Clerk. The above order relating to the province tax is truely entered.
Attest William Fairfield T. Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wnham Nov. 13th 1725. A town tax was made and committed to the Constable in two distinct lists. Viz. to Samuel Gott a list amounting to £71 6s 3d and to Josiah Dodge a list amounting to £50 4s 8d with warrants to each list ordering and requiring payment by said Constables to their town treasuer the

one half at or before the last day of November 1725 and the other half at or before the last day of May 1726.

We the subscribers being met together according to notification on the line between Manchester and Wenham on the 26th day of April 1726 to purambulate on the said line and renew bounds and we have renewed bounds between said towns as formally as witness our hands the year and day above said

Richard Coy
his
Daniel O Williams
mark
} For Manchester

Nathaniel Brown
William Dodge
} For Wenham

The above is truly Entered Attest
William Fairfield Town Clerk

March 1st 1725/6

At a general town meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of Wenham for the choice of town officers as the law directs and other buisness according to warrant duely warned and convened. Lieut. John Porter chosen moderator. For selectmen Lieut. John Porter William Dodge Nathaniel Brown Thomas White and William Fairfield are chosen for the year ensueing. William Fairfield chosen town Clerk for the year ensueing. Thomas Perkins chosen Constable for the west and Nathaniel Fairfield for the east end of our town for the year ensueing.

Stephen Patch chosen town treasuer for the year ensueing. For Surveyors of highways for the west end Benjamin Herrick. John Kemball for the middle and Richard Dodge for the east were chosen to said office in their respective parts of the town.

For tithing men Ebenr. Batchelder Timothy Patch and Robert Cue were chosen for the year ensueing.

For fence viewers Theophelus Fisk David Batchelder and Edward Waldron were chosen For Sealer of leather Joseph Edwards and for weights and measures David Batchelder were chosen. Daniel Fairfield and Joseph White were chosen for hog reeves.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 1st 1725.

Lieut. John Porter Nathaniel Brown Thomas White

William Dodge and William Fairfield took thhe oath's of Assessors. William Fairfield Stephen Patch Nathaniel Fairfield John Kemball Benjamin Herrick Richard Dodge Thomas Perkins Ebenezer Batchelder Timothy Patch Robert Cue Theophelus Fisk Edward Waldron Daniel Fairfield and Josiah White all took the oaths of their respective offices whereunto they were chosen.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 4th 1725/6 David Batchelder appeared and took the oath of a fence viewer and sealer of weights and measures and Joseph Edwards took the oath of Sealer of leather.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 4th 1725/6 then agreed with Andrew Center to look after the meeting house and do the work of a sexton for the year ensueing on the terms he did it last year and to have three pounds for his service.

We the subscribers a committee appointed by the Selectmen of Ipswich and the Selectmen of the town of Wenham to purambulate the line between Ipswich and Wenham extending from the brier bush to Wenham Island have accordingly attended the said service and purambulated the line from the brier bush in Nathaniel Browns orchard near adjoining to the country road or highway to a walnut at the northwesterly corner of Ebenezer Batchelders pasture thence to a white oak stump thence to White oak Stump on the Westerly side of pleasant pond marked between a white oak and a birch tree marked each of them next to the said stump. thence to a pine stub marked near hemlock Island which we new marked thence to a beach on Hemlock Island new marked thence to a birch new marked between Hemlock and Fowlers Island thence to a beach on Fowlers Island new marked thence to a black Birch near to a Red oak a former bounds which we marked by consent of Mr. Daniel Kilham thence to the great white oak on Wigwam Island new marked thence to a maple near the Spring which we new marked
as witness our hands the 22nd day of Febuary.
Anno domini 1725.

John Wainwright
Mathew Whipple
George Hart
} For Ipswich

William Rogers
John Porter
Samuel Kemball
} Selectmen of Wenham

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 4th 1725/6
Then we appointed and agreed with Nathaniel Brown of said Wenham to be a school master in our town for the year ensueing for to teach children to read and write and to give him suitable satisfaction as he may reasonably deserve for said service and he is to give an account of what he receives of the scholars and that to be a part of the satisfaction for his said service.

Boston May 31st 1726.— Received of Mr. Josiah Dodge Constable of Wenham thirty eight pounds eleven shillings and fourpence in full for my master £38 11s 4d

Jeremiah Allen Treasuer
pr. George Rogers

The above receipt is truly entered,
Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

May 10th 1726 — At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified to vote in choice of a representative . Lieut. John Porter and other town business chosen Representative
William Fairfield chosen moderator for the remainder of the work for this meeting.
Voted that the Selectmen draw twenty pound out of the town Stock in the treasuers hand to enable the trustees to pay in that of the towns part of the loan money for the year 1726 which twenty pounds is the towns fifth part of the hundred which they received out of the two hundred thirty two to pay for a piece of land for a parsonage.
In answer to Rev. Mr. Wards request the town voted that what was done should be done by contribution sometime in about three weeks the Deacon giving a fortnight warning beforehand

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At a meeting of the Selectmen July 11th 1726
Then agreed with Andrew Center to keep the pound for this year ensueing.
Received of Stephen Patch of Wenham treasuer the sum of four pounds ten shillings and five pence in full for the County rate for the town of Wenham

pr John Appleton County treasuer

Ipswich June 15th 1726
The above receipt is truly entered
Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

July 11th 1726 At a meeting of the selectmen a notification was posted up in Wenham requiring the inhabitants of said town to bring in to the Selectmen or some one of them their bills of all poles and rateable estate in said town at or before the 6th day of August next.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham Augt. 1726 a province tax was made in two distinct lists
the one in the hands of Constable Thomas Perkins amounting to £55 8s 5d of which there was payable to the Province treasuer £53 2s 6d and the other two pounds 5 shillings 11 pence in his hands untill he shall account with the town treasuer for collecting rates loss money and other services.
and the other list is in Constable Nathaniel Fairfields hands amounting to £38 14s 2d of which there is payable to the province treasuer £36 11s 8d and the remainder being £2 2s 6d is left in his hands is to be accounted for in making up his accounts with the town treasuer for his collecting rates and other services.

June 18th 1726 — Then received of William Dodge the sum of fifteen shillings which he owed to the town for the land he bought to set his stone wall on. I say received by
Stephen Patch town treasuer
The above receipt is truly entered.
Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders duely warned and convened for ordering a town tax for defraying the town charges Oct 19th 1726
Lieut. John Porter chosen moderator.
Voted that the town shall be assessed for fifty pound to be added to the ninty which is for the ministers salary or other christians.

At a meeting of the Selectmen a tax was made November 17th 1726 in two distinct lists one of which is in the hands of Constable Thomas Perkins amounting to £84 3s 11d and the other in the hands of Constable Nathaniel Fairfield amounting to £56 18s 8d each of which lists having a warrant annexed there unto to collect and pay in the same to the treasuer of our town the one half at or before the last of November Instant and the other half at or

before the last day of May next ensueing so as then to make up and issue their acpts. of the whole.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham Febuary 28th 1726/7
Accounted with Constable Nathaniel Fairfield for his keeping the widow Legro 17 weeks and other expenses in time and money and there is due to him the sum of £4 18s 9d Febuary 28th 1726/7 then received of the town treasuer £2 18s 9d and of the Selectmen £2 00s 0d in full of the above said sum, I say received by me Nathaniel Fairfield.

Febuary 28th 1726/7 Then received of Constable Samuel Gott £0 18s 9d in full of his due as constable for the year 1725. I say received by me
Stephen Patch Town Treasuer
The above receipt is truely entered,
Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

Boston June 14th 1726 — Received of Samuel Gott Constable of Wenham fifty four pounds twelve shillings in full
Jeremiah Allen Treasuer
The above receipt is truly entered,
Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

March 7th 1727 — At a general town meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of Wenham duely warned for the choice of town officers

Lieut. John Porter chosen moderator. and for Selectmen Lieut. John Porter William Fairfield Thomas White Nathaniel Brown and William Dodge were chosen.
William Fairfield chosen Town Clerk.
Stephen Patch chosen town treasuer.

For Constable Jonathan Kemball chosen for the west and Ebenezer Kemball for the east end of our town.
For Surveyors of highways Ebenezer Fisk for the west part was chosen. Jonathan Porter for the middle division and Rice Knowlton for that called the neck.

For fence viewer James Rix John Dodge and Joseph Haggitt were chosen.

For tithingmen Simon Patch, John Porter Jun and Walter Fairfield were chosen.

Samuel Gott and Zacheus Goldsmith Jun were chosen Hog reeves. David Batchelder chosen for sealer of weights and measures. For Sealer of Leather Walter Fairfield.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 7th 1726/7 William Fairfield Stephen Patch Ebenezer Fisk Jonathan Porter Rice Knowlton John Dodge Joseph Haggitt Simon Patch John Porter Jun Walter Fairfield Zacheus Goldsmith Jun and David Batchelder all appeared and was sworn. to the faithful discharge of their respective offices.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 10th 1727 Jonathan Kemball and Ebenezer Kemball both appeared and were sworn to the office of Constables whereunto they were chosen the 7th current Then allso Lieut. John Porter Thomas White Nathaniel Brown and William Dodge Selectmen were sworn to the faithful discharge of work of assessors for the ensueing year. As allso Samuel Gott and James Rix were sworn to the offices whereto they were chosen at town meeting the 7th of March Current.

Then allso the Selectmen agreed with Nathaniel Brown to keep school in our town for the year ensueing. to learn such as shall be sent to him for to read and write and to have reasonable satisfaction for his service of the town over and above what the Scholars paid he giving an account thereof.

We whose names are underwritten being appointed to perambulate the bounds between Salem and Wenham have renewed all bounds according to record April 24th 1727

Thomas Tarbox
Ebenezer Fisk } For Wenham
Samuel Gott

Jonathan Putnam } For
James Town } Salem

May 12th 1727 — At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of Wenham as by warrant for the choice of a representative to serve at the general Court according to his Majestys precept.

Lieut. Samuel Kimball chosen representative for the year ensueing.

May 15th 1727 We the Subscribers having perambulated the line between the towns of Wenham and Beverly according to the within entre of bounds John Balch Andrew Elliot It being a coppy taken out of Wenham town.

Jonathan Conant.

October 19th 1727 — At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of Wenham duely warned and convened for giving order for a town rate
Lieut. John Porter Chosen moderator.
Voted to raise one hundred and ten pounds.

November the 6th 1727 — At a meeting of the free holders and other inhabitants of Wenham for the Choice of Representative according to his majestys precept to us directed. We made choice of Lieut. Samuel Kimball to serve accordingly.

November 10th 1727 At a meeting of the Selectmen a province tax was made in two lists
one in constable Ebenezer Kemballs ward amounting to the sum of £20 10s 6d
and the other in Constable Jonathan Kemballs ward amounting to the sum of £33 4s 5d of which sum was payable to the province treasuer according to their several orders £53 02s 0d the remainder being 12s 11d is left in the hands of said Constables to be accounted for to wit twelve shillings and five pence in Jonathan Kimballs hands.

November 15th 1727 At a meeting of the Selectmen a town tax was made in two distinct lists and committed to the Constables.
To wit to Constable Jonathan Kimball a list amounting to £69 4s 7d and to Constable Ebenezer Kemball a list of £46 6s 8d with warrants annexed thereunto to collect and pay in the same so as to complete their accounts at or before the first of may next ensueing.

Received of Mr. Stephen Patch Town treasuer of Wenham three pounds five shillings fourpence in full for County rate in the year 1726 Ipswich December 13th 1727

John Appleton County Treasuer

Wenham 26th 1727 of Febuary. Received of Nathaniel Fairfield Constable thirty five pounds twelve shillings in full of all rates committed to him which I have order to call for I say received by me

Stephen Patch Treasuer

The two above receipts are truely entered

William Fairfield Town Clerk

July 28th 1727 — Then received of Stephen Patch town treasuer the sum of sixteen pounds on the account of the twenty pounds which the town was to pay of the loan money to the trustees and three pound by Nathaniel Fairfield to William Dodge and one pound more paid by Stephen Patch treasuer to William Dodge in full of the twenty pounds the said trustees having the rest of the towns proportion in their hands. received by us

John Porter
William Dodge

Boston July 26th 1726 — Received of the trustees of the town of Wenham by Mr. William Dodge forty six pounds eight shillings the first fifth part of the proportion of £50.000 loan £46 8s

pr Jeremiah Allen Trear.

Boston Augt. 7th 1727 — Received of Mr. William Dodge one of the trustees of the £50.000 loan for Wenham forty six pounds eight shillings the second fifth of said loan £46 8s Jeremiah Allen Treasuer

The three above receipts of the laon money are truly recorded. Attest.

William Fairfield Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen April the 1st 1728 then agreed with Andrew Senter to keep the meeting house and ring the bell untill next March Annual meeting for the sum of three pound and to dig the graves and toll the bell for funerals for five shillings when the ground is open and ten shillings when it is froze to be paid by every person that shall employ him and keep the pound for the fees belonging to the pound keeper for the year ensueing.

Received of Stephen Patch town treasuer for the town of Wenham the sum of five pounds nine shillings and 8 pence in full for the County for said town

John Appleton County Treasuer

Ipswich March 28th 1728

The above receipt is truly entered

Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

At a general town meeting March 5th 1727 Orderly warned and convened for choosing town officers. Lieut. John Porter Chosen moderator.

For Selectmen. Lieut. John Porter Capt. William Rogers William Fairfield were chosen for the year ensueing.

William Fairfield chosen Town Clerk for year ensueing.

Stephen Patch chosen town treasuer for the year ensueing.

For Constables, Benjamin Herrick for the west ward and Thomas Patch for the east.

For surveyors of highways John Porter Jun for the west end John Dodge Sen. for the middle part and Benjamin Edwards for that part of the town called the Neck.

for tithing men Nathaniel Brown Sen. Theophelus Fisk and Nehemiah Dodge are chosen. Abraham Kemball, Thomas Brown and Josiah Dodge chosen fence viewers.

for a sealer of leather Walter Fairfield. for sealer of weights and measures David Batchelder was chosen.

For hog reeves Daniel Kilham and Nathaniel Brown Jun.

the above named officers were all sworn the same day except the Constables.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on March 8th 1728 the two Constables were Sworn to the discharge of their office.

April 1st 1728 — At a meeting of the freeholders of Wenham convened according to warrant for choosing trustees to fetch and dispose of our town proportion of money according to the province Act.

Decon Ephraim Kemball chosen moderator.

Voted to fetch our towns proportion of money

for trustees Lieut Samuel Kemball Nathaniel Brown and William Fairfield are chosen.

Voted that the trustees shall dispose of and let out the towns proportion of money to the inhabitants of our own town (if a number appear sufficient to take it) to no man

more than thirty pound nor less than ten taking good security for the yearly return of the same.

The trustees sworn the same day to the faithful discharge of their duties.

Wenham May 13th 1728 — At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs assembled and voted in the following particulars as expressly mentioned in the warrant.

William Fairfield chosen moderator. William Fairfield Chosen Representative.

Voted that he should prefer a petition to general Court for the abatement of the charges arising by our towns maintaining one there at Court.

Voted that the trustees of the £50.000 loan paying in the principal they discharging Mr. Ward shall be likewise discharged of the interest.

Voted that the Swine being Yoked and Ring'd shall go at large the year ensueing.

Voted that the Selectmen shall make up account with and discharge Benjamin Fisk late treasuer.

Voted that the ranging bounds between Wenham and Beverly be recorded.

At a meeting of the Selectmen May 13th 1728 then agreed with David Batchelder to keep a school in our town for to teach such as shall be sent to learn to read and write and to be paid for his services what he may reasonable deserve he giving an account of what he receives of the Scholars which shall be accounted as a part of or towards his satisfaction which agreement shall continue till next March meeting.

We the Subscribers considering the disadvantages of not having ranging bounds between Alfords tree so called and the Stake and heap of stones at Longham Meadow which are two ancient marks between the towns of Beverly and Wenham being by appointment met together on friday the 23rd day of Febuary Anno Domini 1728 have run the line between the two aforesaid bounderais and accordingly fixed a Stake in the wall two rods and five links of the chain

distant southerly from an apple tree in the Southerly Corner of the land of the heirs Mordica Larcom deseased as one bounds between said towns and allso a large round Stone on the top of the wall which stands on Southerly side of the way. five rods to the eastward of Andrew Dodges house and one rod westwardly of a small apple tree by the way side which is marked W. B. with a marking Iron as another bounds and allso a small heap of stones three feet and one half to the northward of a small poplar tree marked on the Northward side of it with W.B. with a marking Iron said poplar tree standing in the land which belonged to the heirs of Peter Woodbury Jun. Deceas^{d}. as another bounds and allso a stake standing in the wall on the easterly side of the country road to the northward of the house of Freeborn Balch three feet ½ southerly on a Square from an apple tree marked on the westerly side with a W. as another bounds and all four of the afore said boundries or mearks do according to the best of our skill being assisted by Mr Josiah Batchelder of Salem Surveyor Stand exactly ranging in the line between the towns aforesaid from said Alfords tree to the stake and heap of Stones afore said and in confirmation hereoff we do hereunto set our hands the day and year above written.

John Porter
William Fairfield } Selectmen
William Dodge } of Wenham

John Balch
Andrew Elliot } Selectmen
Robert Hoit } of Beverly

The above with what is recorded of it on the other or foregoing leaf is truely entered and recorded being voted and ordered by the town. May 13th 1728

as attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

July 18th 1726 Then received of Constable Robert Cue in full of his rate the Selectmen having abated eight shillings and five pence of John Severitts rate

Stephen Patch, treasuer

Boston June 11th 1725 Received of Mr. Robert Cue Constable of Wenham pr Mr John Porter thirty five pounds four shillings and four pence in full for my master £35 4^{s} 4^{d}

Jeremiah Allen treasuer
pr George Rogers

Boston July 24th 1728. Received of the trustees of Wenham by Mr William Fairfield forty six pounds eight shillings the third fifth of your proportion of the £50.000 loan
For my Father Jeremiah Allen Treasurer
£48 8s pr Jeremiah Allen. Jun.

Boston Augt. 23rd 1729 — Received of the trustees of Wenham for the £50,000 loan forty six pounds eight shillings being the fourth fifth of their proportion of said loan by the hand of Mr. William Rogers one of said trustees by order of Jeremiah Allen Esq. treasuer
£46 8s pr Ebenezer Guass
The 4 above receipts are truly entered as attest.
William Fairfield Town Clerk

September 13th 1728 — A province tax was made in two distinct lists viz
one in Constable Benjamin Herricks ward amounting to £44 13s 4d all payable to the province treasuer
and the other in Constable Thomas Patches ward amounting to £32 13s 9d of which there is thirty one pound 12 shillings 8 pence payable to the province treasuer and the one pound one shilling and one penny to be accounted for towards his collecting.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham September 30th 1728 in order to raise money to defray the towns debts according to warrant William Fairfield choosen moderator Voted that there be raised by a tax on the inhabitants of our town the sum of one hundred and twenty pound to defray the towns debts.

At a meeting of the Selectmen November .. 1728 a town tax was made in two distinct lists and committed to the Constables amounting to £127 11s 9d
of which Benjamin Herrick was to collect and pay into the town £71 5s 9d
and Constable Thomas Patch was to pay £56 6s 0d each to the town treasuer and each of them having warrants anexed to their lists requiring them to make up and issue their accounts by the first day of May following.

January 20th 1728/9 — At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham Rice Knowlton Informed the Selectmen that one Joseph Annable and Elizabeth his wife and Anna Annable daughter to said Joseph Thomas Wiles a grand child all of the family of said Annable came into Wenham from Salem on the 16th day of last November and are now resident in his house in Wenham the man and woman being both aged.

Rice Knowlton

At a meeting of the Selectmen the town Clerk was ordered to enter the above written information in the town book which is truly entered as attest

William Fairfield Town Clerk

At a general Town meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham regularly assembled the 4th day of March 1729 for choosing town officers and considering Mr. Wards Salary as in the warrant Specified.

Lieut. John Porter chosen moderator for the meeting. for Selectmen Lieut. John Porter William Dodge Capt. William Rogers Nathaniel Brown and William Fairfield are chosen. For town clerk William Fairfield is chosen for the year ensueing.

For Constables Jonathan Porter for the west ward and Joseph Edwards for the east are chosen for the year ensueing.

For town Treasuer Stephen Patch is chosen.

For Surveyors of highways John Herrick westward of the straights. Thomas Brown for the middle part of the town and Josiah Dodge for the part called the neck. then for tithingmen Ensign John Batchelder and Edward Waldron were chosen Phineas Dodge was allso added to them.

For fence viewers Josiah Fairfield Jonathan Kemball and Richard Dodge were chosen.

For Sealer of Weights and measures David Batchelder and for Sealer of leather Walter Fairfield where chosen.

For hog Reeves Josiah Kemball and Humphrey Piere were chosen.

In answer to the motion made in the warrant about Mr. Wards Salary. Voted to allow him out of Town treasury the sum of ten pounds for the year ensueing.

Voted also that Rice Knowlton has liberty to hang a gate on the highway leading to Manchester on this side of Turnip Bridge during the towns pleasure.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the above said day William Fairfield as town Clerk John Batchelder Phineas Dodge Edward Waldron Josiah Fairfield and Richard Dodge all took the oaths of their respective offices.
David Batchelder Sealer of weights & Measures Sworn.
Josiah Dodge and Josiah Kemball took the oaths of their respective offices. Jonathan Kemball Sworn as a fence viewer. Walter Fairfield and Humphrey |pirc| both sworn.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 10th 1729
Jonathan Porter Sworn as Constable. John Herrick sworn as Surveyor of Highways.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 12th 1728/9
Joseph Edwards was Sworn Constable.

May 16th 1729 At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants convened by warrant for Choosing a representative and ordering Ebenezer Kemballs Estate to the best advantage for his maintainance and disposing of their interest money &c. William Fairfield chosen moderator.
William Fairfield chosen Representative.
Voted that the interest money belonging to the town in the hands of the trustees shall be disposed of by the selectmen to pay the town debts.
Voted that the Selectmen shall treat with the relations of Ebenezer Kemball Jun. to see if the towns trouble may be prevented. if not, then to take care of him and his estate disposed of and improved to the best advantage.

We the Subscribers being appointed and empowered by our respective towns to purambulate between Manchester and Wenham accordingly have met on the 28th day of April 1729 and have renewed the bounds formerly mentioned beginning at a tree marked W and M formerly a white oak but now a white pine growing out in the roots of the said oak or stump thereof thence to a red oak stump thence to a clump of stumps with some sprouts growing out of said stumps thence to a hemlock tree thence to a hemlock Standing two feet to the Eastward of the pine formerly a tree but now a stump thence to Dodges Stumpt as witness our hands

Nathaniel Waldron, William Dodge, Mathew Coy } For Manchester

Richard Coy, Nathaniel Maisters } For Wenham

The above purambulation is truely recorded as it is returned under the hands of the above named persons.
as attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen May 19 th 1729 it is agreed and ordered the division for the surveyors of highways for the present year that the Surveyor for the Neck shall have under his charge all beyond the bridge over the brook by Edward Waldrons the towns Surveyor to go to the Straights and the west Surveyor all westward of the Straights
Then allso agreed with Nathaniel Brown to keep a school in our town to teach to read and write for the year ensueing and he to have reasonable satisfaction for his service he keeping and rendering an account of what the scholars pay and that to be accounted as part of satisfaction.
Then allso Andrew Senter was agreed with and appointed to take the charge of the pound for the impounding of creatures which should be brought to be impounded.

November 3rd 1729 — At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of Wenham duely warned and convened for the granting a tax to be raised on the inhabitants of said town and others who have lands in said town to defray the towns debts.

William Fairfield chosen moderator.
Voted to raise by a tax one hundred and thirty pounds for the town and County Charge.
Voted that the representative petetion in the name of the town to the general court for some enlargement to our town in County land in consideration that our township is to small for a town.

Boston Augt. 4th 1729 Received of Mr William Fairfield of the treasuer of the 6. loan of Wenham nine pound nine shillings and eight pence a years Interest to the first of June 1729 the towns proportion to the £60 000 granted

November 1727 pr Jeremiah Allen Treasuer £9 9^{s} 8^{d}.
The above receipt is truely recorded.
Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen November 10th 1729
A province tax was made on the poles and estates for the paying the province tax in two lists
one in the hands of Constable Jonathan Porter amounting to £50 10^{s} 8^{d}. of which the sum of forty eight pounds eight shillings £48 8^{s} 0^{d} is payable to the province treasuer and the remainder being two pounds two shillings and eight pence is left in his hands to be accounted for.
The other list is in Constable Joseph Edwards hands the whole amounting to £38 9^{s} 9^{d} to be paid to the province treasuer £36 00^{s} 0^{d} there is left in his hands to be accounted for the sum of £2 8^{s} 9^{d}
Allso then a town tax was made amounting in the whole £131 17^{s} 6^{d} of which Constable Jonathan Porter by his warrant was to pay £72 10^{s} 0^{d} and Constable Joseph Edwards the remainder being £59 6^{s} 9^{d} for which they have both warrants to pay in to our town treasuer as the law directs at or before the first day of June next ensueing.

Wenham December 19th 1729 — Received of Benjamin Herrick Constable five pounds sixteen shillings and six pence upon the accounts of rates which was due to the town in full, I say received by me
Stephen Patch town treasuer

At a general town meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham March 3rd 1729/30 warned and convened for the choosing of town officers and other buisness according as expresed in the warrant.
William Fairfield Chosen moderator.
For Selectmen Lieut. John Porter Capt. William Rogers Nathaniel Brown William Dodge and William Fairfield are chosen. William Fairfield chosen town Clerk for the year. Samuel Gott chosen town treasuer for the year.
For Constables John Batchelder Jun. chosen for the west and Edward Waldron for the east.
For Surveyors of Highways Josiah Fairfield for the west Nathaniel Fairfield for the middle part and Thomas Dodge for the neck.

For fence viewers John Porter Jun. Samuel Porter and Benjamin Edwards were chosen for the year ensueing.
For tithingmen Ebenezer Fisk Thomas Brown and Stephen Patch was chosen for the year ensueing. For Sealer of leather Jonathan Kimball was chosen and for sealer of weights and measures David Batchelder is chosen and for hog reeves Nathaniel Bragg and Nehemiah Dodge were chosen.
Then voted to allow Mr. Ward ten pounds for the year above his Salary which is stated.
Voted that whereas the relations of Ebenezer Kemball demand debts out of his estate it is left with the selectmen to do as they think best for the town.
Then allso the question was put to the town wether they would give order to the selectmen about a school in our town and it passed on the negative Then allso it was put to the town wether they would choose a committee to look after encroachments on the highway and it passed. then allso Voted to advance and pay out out twelve pounds out of the town treasuery towards the supplying the agents of the house of representatives in Great Britain money in the service of the province.

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 3rd 1729/30 the several persons hereafter named took the oath of their several offices whereunto they were respectfully chosen this day. Viz. William Fairfield Edward Waldron Samuel Gott Nathaniel Fairfield Josiah Fairfield Thomas Dodge Ebenezer Fisk Stephen Patch Thomas Brown Samuel Porter John Porter John Porter Jun. Jonathan Kemball David Batchelder John Batchelder Jun. Nehemiah Dodge and Nathaniel Bragg.

We the Subscribers being chosen and appointed by the Selectmen of Ipswich and Wenham to meet at the house of Mr. Walter Fairfield on the 24th day of this Instant May 1725 to purambulate on the line and renew the bounds between the said Ipswich and Wenham

We have accordingly met at the time and place above mentioned and have renewed the bounds as followeth.
Begining at the brier bush at the end of the stone wall at the west side of an apple tree in the last row in Nathaniel Browns Orchard with a heap of stones about it and so on to a white Oak tree Standing in Nathaniel Fairfields pasture marked with a Marking Iron, So on over the brook to

a walnut tree Standing between William Dodge and Thomas White so on to a white Oak tree standing in the Stone wall between William Dodge and Timothy Patch. So unto a white oak tree standing between Samuel Poland and Thomas Patch: So on to a heap of rocks near a yellow Oak tree marked between Samuel Poland and Stephen Patch. So on to white oak tree between William Dodge and Benjamin Knowlton near the gate. So on to a walnut Stump Standing in Rice Knowltons Stone wall. So on to a red oak Stump newly cut down so on to a old pine Stump Standing on the northward of Rattle Snake hill, so over the swamp to a hemlock by a pine stump marked, So on to a Small white oak tree growing of a Stump near the path about 17 poles of the hemlock. so on to a hemlock tree next the swamp by the edge of the upland so over the brook and small point of upland and so through the swamp to Dodges stump with a small pine growing out of it with stones about it.

as witness our hands the day above said.

Nathaniel Brown
Samuel Kilham } For Wenham
William Dodge

Thomas Burnham
Joseph Whipple } For Ipswich

The 30th March 1730. We the subscribers being a committee to purambulate a line between Ipswich and Wenham accordingly we met at time and place Appointed and agreed the within written bounds to stand as they are Marked Witness our hands

Joseph Kingman
Thomas Brown
Thomas Burnham

(No Wenham name on record)

Gentlemen. This being the year of purambulation of lines the Selectmen of this town pursuant to law have and hereby do appoint you or any two of you to purambulate and renew the bounds between the towns of Salem and Wenham with such persons as the town of Wenham shall appoint and are to meet on Monday the 27 Currant at ten in the morning at the Widow Andrews for that service. (enclosed is a copy of the bounds) and make return of your doings.

Salem 6th 1730 by order of the Selectmen

Thomas Barton T. Clerk

To Ensign Daniel Rea
Mr. John Clark

Mr. Israel Andrews
Mr. John Cabot Jun.

Pursuant to the law of the province
We the subscribers being met by appointment of our respective towns Viz. Salem and Wenham to purambulate on the line and renew the bounds between our said towns have accordingly attended the said service and renewed. the white oak northward of Wenham Causway and the stake and heap of stones at the southeasterly end of the same the black oak formerly Daniel Andrews corner bounds, the white oak in the stone wall towards John Herricks and the white oak in Nathaniel Raymonds pasture all which are ancient and standing marked bounds which we renewed by laying of stones &c.
The three bounds added in the agreement settled between said towns June 26th 1721 relating to the twenty acres out of Mr. Herricks farm Viz. the apple tree in John Herricks land and the heap of stones in Joseph Herricks land and the heap of stones in James Meachens meadow they being some thing precarious and depending upon the point of compass and a measuring line and We having none with us we renewed the letters S and W marked on the Apple tree in John Herricks Orchard being the fifth tree in the second row in the old Orchard. Northward of the second southward wall and a heap of stones in the pasture formerly Joseph Herricks a heap of stones in James Meachems Pasture which we take to be the same entered in the agreement between our towns.
As witness our hands this 27th April 1730.

William Fairfield, William Rogers } Two of the Selectmen of Wenham

Daniel Rea, Israel Andrews, John Cabot Jun. } For Selectmen of Salem

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Boston Dec 3rd 1729 Received of Mr. Thomas Patch Constable of Wenham pr William Rogers one pound twelve shillings and eight pence in full.

For Jeremiah Allen Treasuer
£1 12s 8d pr me James Allen

March 3rd 1729/30 Then received of Constable Thomas Patch of Wenham the sum of thirteen shillings and four pence in full of all his rates that he was to pay me.

Stephen Patch Town treasuer

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham duely warned and convened for choosing a representative and other town buisness according to warrant. William Fairfield chosen Representative. William Fairfield chosen moderator for the other service of this meeting.
The question being put to the town wether they would pay Capt. Kemballs accounts about Ebenezer Kemballs keeping and it passed on the negative. Voted to have the computing or making up of accounts conserning the above mentioned debts to the Selectmen.

At a meeting of the Selectmen May 18th 1730 then the Selectmen agreed with Nathaniel Brown to keep a school in our town for the year ensueing to teach children and youth to read and write and the town to pay him so much as may make him a reasonable satisfaction for his service he keeping an account of what each scholar pays to be accounted as part pay for his service.

To the Selectmen of Wenham pay to William Fairfield the sum of five pounds nineteen shillings 7d which is in full of your towns County rates his receipt shall be accepted upon April 9th 1730

by John Appleton County treasuer

June 29th 1730 Then received of Samuel Gott town treasuer (by order of the Selectmen) the above said sum of five pounds nineteen shillings 7d I say received by me

William Fairfield

The above is truely entered William Fairfield T. C.

Wenham May 18th 1730 — To the Selectmen of Beverly or those appointed by them to purambulate the line between Wenham and Beverly on Wednesday 20th of May current these are to certify you that Mr Robert Cue John Dodge and Jonathan Porter they or any two of them are appointed to meet and perform the said service with any that shall be appointed by you and to meet at the house of Mr. Robert Cue at 9 of the clock of said per statement thereunto per Order of Selectmen May 20th 1730.

William Fairfield Town Clerk

We the subscribers have purambulated the line between the town of Wenham and Beverly according to the within said Entre bound

John Dodge, Robert Cue, Jonathan Porter } For Wenham

Nathaniel Raymond, Benjamin Balch, John Balch, William Trow } For Beverly

At a town meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham this 6th day of July 1730 being assembled by a warrant from the Selectmen to make choice of some person or persons to represent the town in making answer to a presentment against said town to be heard and tried at Salem next (as they say) for not having a school in our town.
Lieut. John Porter chosen moderator.
Voted William Fairfield is appointed and chosen and fully empowered and authorized in the name and behalf of said town of Wenham to appear make answer and defend at the said Salem Court or general sessions of the place or any other court or courts whereunto the said Cause may be Continued brought or tryed and to use all lawfull means and ways the said town to defend relating to the premises as the said town might do if personally present.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham duely warned and convened for the granting of a town tax to be raised on the inhabitants of the same for the defraying the towns debts this present year.
Voted that the sum of four hundred and twenty pounds is granted for the ends above said, William Fairfield being chosen for the meeting.

November the 2nd 1730 a province tax was made in two lists for the paying the province treasuer and the charges of collection and abatements in the rates for this year the one of which is in the hands of John Batchelder Jun. Constable of the west ward in Wenham amounting to £37 12s 6d of which sum there was ordered into the province treasuer the sum of £32 11s 0d the other sum of five £ 1 shilling and 6 pence to be accounted for as above said.

The other list in the hands of Constable Edward Waldron amounting to £31 6s 2d of which £26 10s is ordered to the province treasuer the remainder being four pounds 16 shillings 2 pence is left to be accounted for as above said. Then allso a town tax was made and ordered the said Con-

stables with warrant to collect the same amounting to £119 11^{s} 2^{d} of which sum £44 9^{s} 9^{d} is in Constable Batchelders list. £55 2^{s} 5^{d} is in Constable Waldrons list with warrants to collect and pay in the same to the town treasurer or others who shall be authorized to receive the same at or before the first day of May next ensueing.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham the 7th of July 1729 being the time appointed to sell the living of Ebenezer Kimball according to the order of the Judge of Superior Court. Then agreed with Nathaniel Bragg for £200 00^{s} and to pay it so as to discharge the debts and the remainder as the said Ebenezer wants to use it.
and in case the said Ebenezer shall decease before the money be expended and so the heirs come to inherit the remainder of the money then what is behind shall be paid to his heirs
and this bargain be consumated at or before the middle of November next and the interest of what is not then paid is to go on towards keeping the said Ebenezer
and in confirmation of what is above written we have hereunto set our hands the day and year above said.

Nathaniel Bragg

John Porter
William Fairfield
William Rogers
Nathaniel Brown
William Dodge
} Selectmen

The above written bargain being confirmed by both parties signing and sealing Instruments on the 26th day of August 1729 and November 17. following Nathaniel Bragg entered the premises and paid the sum of £40 00^{s} 0^{d}
Received of Samuel Tarbox for the rent of the living 1729 £4 16^{s} 4^{d},

December 10th 1730 Received of Nathaniel Bragg of the money for Kimballs living he bought for principal and Interest £29 12^{s} 00^{d} making the sum total £74 8^{s} 4^{d}

We whose names are under written being appointed by the Selectmen of our Several towns Viz. Wenham and Topsfield to renew and purambulate bounds between our respective towns as the law directs have accordingly attended

said service and have renewed the bounds according to the settlement agreed upon by the two towns in the year 1682 dated Topsfield May 20th 1730

Theophelus Fisk } For
Ebenezer Fisk } Wenham

Michal Dwinnell }
Jonathan Wildes } For Topsfield
William Redington }

Boston Augt. 19th 1730 — Received of Mr. Jonathan Porter Constable of Wenham by Mrs. Hannah Kimball forty eight pounds eight shillings in full. £48 8s 0d

per Jer. Allen Treasuer

January 25th 1730/31 At a meeting of the freeholders of Wenham for choosing a representative according to warrant Capt. William Rogers chosen Representative

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November 17th 1729 paid of the money received of Nathaniel Bragg as pr accounts the following Sums. The account of Samuel Tarbox

For Keeping Ebenezer Kimball from Nov. 21st 1728 to May the 20th 1729	£9 2s 0d
From the 20th of May to November 21st 1729	£9 2s 0d
For fifty 4 hole posts	£1 13s 4d
For twenty three posts and one hundred forty got of the place	£1 0s 0d
To a pair of Linnen Briches	£0 4s 0d
To a pair of Stockings and footing 2 pairs	£0 8s 0d
For mending his cloths	£0 15s 0d
For 4½ yds of all wool cloth to make Vest and coat & Briches at 8 shillings pr y'd	£1 16s 0d
to making of them and a pair of shoes	£0 17s 0d
For two days going to Ipswich	£0 12s 0d
	£25 9s 4d

November 17th 1729 then received of the Selectmen of Wenham the sum of £25 9s 4d including the six pounds rent for the living in full of accounts for Keeping Ebenezer Kimball from Nov 21st 1728 to the day of the date hereof as allso for his clothing mentioned in the said account

I say received by me Samuel Tarbox

The account of the charges of the Selectmen in obtaining the order of Court and sale of the living at several meetings as by acpts & receipts £3 16^{s} 0^{d}

May 19th 1730 paid to Benjamin Fisk by order of the Selectmen £5 4^{s} 6^{d}
Expenses paid out of that money £0 5^{s} 6^{d}

At a meeting of the Selectmen December 14th 1730 ordered and paid out of the money belonging to Ebenezer Kimball for his keeping his sister Marys debts and other expenses the following sums. to wit

To John Herrick for a years board and some clothing	£21 7^{s} 0^{d}
Ditto to a pair of stocking and board sometime	£0 13^{s} 0^{d}
To Benjamin Fisk administrator on Marys estate for debts	£8 00^{s} 0^{d}
To Capt. Samuel Kimball as guardian for debts	£6 00^{s} 0^{d}
To Doct. Benjamin Gott	£1 10^{s} 0^{d}
To Charges in obtaining an order to sell Marys part and expense	£1 18^{s} 0^{d}
To a coppy of the Courts order	2^{s} 0^{d}
Sum total	£74 6^{s} 4^{d}

January 25th 1730/31 Then accounted with the Selectmen conserning Ebenezer Kimballs estate as to their receivings and disbursments and have by accounts and receipts ballanced and received all allowing the 2 shillings wanting in the ballance of accounts for entering the accounts, we say accounted and accepted by us

John Kimball
Ebenezer Kimball

At a meeting of the propritors of the great Meadows this 4th day of January 1724. the whole propriety being warned according to agreement under the hands of the major part bearing date December 28th 1724.

It was agreed and concluded that the fence about the great meadows shall be continued according to the former agreement bearing date January 10th 1714/15 only bringing the fence at the west end of Wenham Causway to begin at Salem line on the Edge or corner of our meadow and so taking the edge of our meadow untill it cometh to Topsfield line and so on said line as formerly and allso to

remove the fence on that side next the great swamp from the ditch to the place nere William Fairfields fence now stands in the division between the swamp lotts and the meadow and from thence straight to John Severits fence at the end of his lot as it now standeth and from thence to the meadow hill at the stake and heap of stones at the corner of the lott formerly Capt. Fisks and every were else to be made according to the former agreement refered unto both for place and manner

and that Lieut. Samuel Kimball. Theophelus Rix and William Fairfield shall be a committee to measure and stake out every propritors proportion of fence as equally as they can according to the place of their former proportions: and in case said proportions shall overrun the measure to abate every man by a proportion and if it shall fall short to add to every one so as to make up the fence complete.

and allso the committee or the major part of them shall lawfully represent the whole proprietry in any agreement with any adjoining propritors lands that shall fence against us, and in every respect relating to improving of the Surveyor to make up any defective fence belonging to any propritor either belonging to the propriety or propritor adjoining and the cost and charges accruing there by shall be born by the whole proprity.

Then William Fairfield was chosen and appointed clerk to the propritors,

his	William Fairfield	Daniel Fisk
John S Severetts	Theophelus Fisk	Joseph Robertson
mark	Ebenezer Fisk	John Porter
his	William Rogers	Thomas Kimball
Jonathan § Moulton	Benjamin Fisk	John Moulton
mark	John Porter Jun.	Caleb Kimball
Theophelus Rix	Samuel Gott	
Samuel Kemball	John Gott	
(18 in all)		

At several times in the month of Febuary 1724/25 We the subscribers hereof pursuant to an order and agreement of the propritors of the great meadows Wenham dated Febuary 4th 1724 having measured the lines laid out and proportioned each propritors share as followeth begining at the west end of Wenham Causway at a great Ash tree and stones about it in Salem line.

first lot to John Porter Jun. 17 poles to a stake and heap of stones

2nd lot of fence to Jonathan Moulton 6 poles and five feet
3rd lot of fence is to Ebenezer Fisk and is 19 poles and a half of fence to stake and stones about it.
the 4th lot is to John Moulton and is 7 poles and 12 foot coming to a fast rock in the old fence at the edge of the swamp.
The 5th lot is to Nathaniel Brown being 15 poles coming to the bound stake of Caleb Kimballs meadow marked K.
The 6th lot is to John and Samuel Gott and is 37 poles to a post marked with seven Chops in it.
The 7th lot of fence is to Capt. William Rogers and is 26 poles to the Clump of Maples.
The 8th lot of fence is to Theophelus Rix and is 32 poles Coming to the Ash tree between John Severetts meadow and his.
The 9th lot is to John Severett being 24 poles to a small maple marked standing in the fence.
The 10th lott is to Lieut. John Porter being 14 poles to some alders Marked.
The 11th lot is to John Kimball being 5 poles to a small maple marked by a crooked maple.
The 12th lot of fence is to Joseph Robinson and is 50 poles to a stake marked in the line of the meadow which was Thomas Bakers and from thence to the Island belonging to the propritors of the meadow adjoining to the head of the meadow lots.
And first on the Island is Zacheus Perkins his half to a stake on the ditch bank.
Then next to Joseph Robinson 6 poles to a stake, next to him Thomas Kimball 14 poles to some Alders marked in the ditch. Next to him Nathaniel Brown 13 poles.
Then next to him 7 poles to Theophelus Fisk coming to Saltmistons corner, and first on the swamp side from Saltinstalls meadow to William Fairfield a lot of fence the breadth of his meadow about 50 poles to a maple marked in the fence.
Then to Thomas Kimball 30 poles to a maple stake marked with K. next to Ebenezer Fisk 42 poles to a forked maple Stake. Then next to Lieut. Samuel Kimball 10 poles. next to him to John Kimball 7 poles of fence to a stake marked 4 and next to him Left. John Porter 6 poles of fence to a stake marked 5. and the next lot of fence is to John Severetts 4 poles to a stake marked 6.
The next lot is 8 poles to a stake marked 7 and is laid out to the heirs of Richard Kimball deceased.

The next is to Theophelus Rix and is three poles to a stake marked 8. The next lot is to Capt. William Rogers and is 13 poles to a small maple tree marked 9.
The next lot of fence is to Daniel Fisk being 23 poles to a maple tree marked 10.
The next lot of fence is 20 poles to Deacon Ephraim Kimball to a stake marked 11.
The next lot of fence is to Theophelus Fisk being 20 poles to a stake marked 12.
The next lot is to Benjamin Fisk being 25 poles 20 of which cometh to the upland and 5 turning by the side of the meadow Next to him to Left Samuel Kimball a lot of nine poles against the meadow hill. Then to Theophelus Fisk 6 poles more.
Then to William Fairfield for his part against his own land untill it cometh to a stake in the line between Caleb Kimballs meadow and his. were the said Kimball begineth whose proportion of fence is 32 poles.
The next is Thomas Tarbox his half against his own land. next to him is a lot of fence to the heirs of John Friend deceased. which is 12 poles and one fourth part of a pole Then to the |Executrix| of Capt. Fisk deceased and Mr. Thomas How for their divisions against the meadow and for meadow enclosed 92 poles and three quarters which bringeth it to the Causway.
In confirmation whereof we have herenuto set our hand

Samuel Kimball
Theophelus Rix } Committee
William Fairfield

Wenham January 28th 1728/9.
The above and forgoing agreement under the hands of the propritors of the great meadow and the acts and return of the committee pursuant thereunto are truely recorded as Attest William Fairfield both Town & propritors Clerk

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Boston August 1st 1730
Received of the trustees of Wenham for the £50,000 loan forty six pounds eight shillings in full being their fifth and last part of their proportion of the said loan by Mr. William Rogers for Mr. Treasuer Allen £46 8s.

pr Ebenezer Swain

The above receipt is truly entered
as attest William Fairfield Town Clerk

This certifies that William Moulton appeared and made oath that the records herein coppied by him of what has been called the swamp book: are a true Coppy, so far as any coppy remains and in no case has the sense or meaning been altered.

B. C. Putnam Town Clerk
of Wenham

Wenham
Feb. 19th 1861
Recopied 1931 and '32
B. M. Perkins

OMISSION

Page 20 — Between Rix and Kilham division read:—
"Next to Joshua Wallis one eighth 4 poles and five foot wide on highway and five poles wide on creek."

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